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Army's First Casualty List

East Lanes. Captain Among The Dead

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 30 (UP).—The War Office today issued the first casualty list of war losses up to December 31, which total 758 names.

Officers killed at sea aboard the Yorkshire (which was torpedoed on route from the Far East to England) numbered three.

Fifty-eight other officers died in the course of their duty.

Among the N.C.O.s and men, five are reported to have been killed in action, five were killed at sea aboard the Yorkshire, one died from wounds, 24 are wounded, one aboard the Yorkshire missing at sea, and a total of 601 killed.

Aboard the Yorkshire the following men were killed:
Captain F. W. Beer of the 2nd Bn., The East Lancashire Rifles.
Lieut.-Col. W. L. E. Reynolds, R.A.M.C.
Lieut.-Col. H. Cornford, R.A.O.C.
1/Cpl. W. C. Allaway, Royal Tank Regiment.
1/Cpl. A. E. Bond, Royal Norfolk.

Pte. D. E. Handy of the Gloucestershire.
Pte. J. Brownhill, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.
Pte. W. Bradley, R.A.M.C.

Among the missing from the Yorkshire, listed Warrant Officer A. C. Barber of the Army Educational Corps.

Three Women Casualties
LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The War Office has issued the first casualty list of the present war up to December 31 which comprises 758 names.

Of these, 719 died, one died of wounds, 24 were wounded, one is missing and 13 were killed.

The deaths included three women, of whom one was a nurse and the others members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

The names of those killed include three officers, five non-commissioned officers and men and one missing, all of whom were aboard the Yorkshire when she was sunk in the Atlantic.

The names of 57 officers appear under the heading of "Died".

Among those named in the death-roll are 57 Royal Corps Signals, 150 Royal Artillery and over 70 Royal Engineers.

The casualty list includes the names of several members of the Home Service Defence Forces.

THE WORDS OF ADOLF HITLER

1924—"Part of the secret of being believed lies in the size of your lie, since the broad masses of the people... will more easily be taken in by a big lie than a small one."—From "Mein Kampf."

LAST NIGHT—"Britain has had 300 years of producing war aims, since she is the country which has waged most of the wars of the world. Germany cannot be beaten."

'YAH,' SHOUTS FUHRER
YES-MEN ECHO 'JA!'

BERLIN, JAN. 31 (UP).—SHRILL, AT TIMES SCREAMING, SLIPPING-BACK INTO THE AUSTRIAN ACCENT HE HAS TRIED HARD TO UNLEARN, HERR HITLER, SPEAKING AT THE SPORTS PAVILION LAST NIGHT, DECLARED WAR ON BRITAIN FOR THE NTH TIME.

Shouting at the top of his voice, he launched vituperative attacks on Chamberlain and Churchill—arch-enemies of Nazi Germany.

"My confidence in our ultimate victory is supreme," he said. "Soon we shall speak in a language which the English will understand."

OBEDIENT CHEERS

Again and again, the Fuehrer abused Great Britain, British statesmen, British freedom, British culture. And again and again the Nazi comrades cheered obediently.

It was as though their leaders were screaming "Yah"—and they were baying "Ja" in chorus.

Some of the Fuehrer's choice observations are given below. There were many others.

Germany, which had had fifteen years of opportunity to learn the democratic ideal in its pure form was the only logical successor to that "worm-eaten system."

Britain had issued "most marvellous war aims. Britain had had 300 years of producing war aims, since she was the country which waged most of the wars in the world."

"We have been promised a golden age by Britain a good many times before," he cried.

"Chamberlain's worn-out records have been played too many times."

"These people will feel the full force of German might."

"France, too, will feel the power of Nazi arms."

Hitler promised continued friendship with Italy and the Soviet.

"Our friendship with Russia has removed any fears of an attack on the Reich from the rear during the war," Hitler promised, and proceeded to forget that Russia also had treaties of Non-Aggression with Poland and Finland.

"Bible-Carrying Chamberlain"

"This bible-carrying Chamberlain sought to reach an agreement with atheist Stalin."

"Now, I understand, he is angry because I succeeded where he failed."

"I think God will be satisfied that a battle has been avoided on one big front."

"Germany and Russia have lived together in peace for years. This will continue to be the case."

"That murderer Churchill is now longing for the next phase in the war. When it comes he may not be in such a longing mood."

"No matter how many years this war lasts, Germany cannot be beaten."

Nazi Anniversary
LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Hitler gave his speech at a meeting at the Berlin Sports Palace to-night, which marked the seventh anniversary of the Nazi revolution.

NAZI AIR RAIDS
ALONG E. COAST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 31 (UP).—Nazi air raids were resumed off the east coast at dawn yesterday, and continued throughout the day.

An unidentified steamer has sent an S.O.S., stating that she is being attacked by German planes. R.A.F. machines have gone to her assistance.

Another steamer, at present also unidentified, is calling for help.

In addition to the three neutral ships already sunk by the combined Nazi air, submarine and mine warfare—they were the 2,767-ton England (Danish), the 2,767-ton Faro (Norwegian) and the 1,501-ton Hossanger (Norwegian)—another two neutral losses are reported.

Ten Norwegian and one Latvian members of the crew of the 1,200-ton Norwegian steamer Gudveig are missing. Thirty survivors were saved in the last stages of exhaustion.

Acute Hardships
In all these instances, the neutral ships were sunk without warning, and in conditions which gave the crews virtually no chance of surviving.

Survivors who were able to reach shore suffered the most acute hardships in the bitter winter conditions prevailing in the North Sea.

As compared with the heavy neutral losses, the Germans succeeded in sinking only one British ship last week. This was the 1,923-ton Bal-tanilla.

France lost two ships, the 2,763-ton Tourny and the 3,819-ton Alsacien.

Neutral Losses
In addition to the neutral losses already notified, the following have been sunk:

SWEDEN
1,304-ton Foxen
1,185-ton Patra
1,640-ton Gotla

NORWAY
2,580-ton Sogna
2,434-ton Sydvald
1,598-ton Pluto
1,572-ton Blaritz
1,330-ton Gudveig
1,591-ton Hossanger

DENMARK
10,517-ton Tanker Danmark
2,319-ton England

LATVIA
4,434-ton Everene
FINLAND
1,333-ton Onto

The Danish tanker Danmark is well-known in Hongkong.

Attacks Repeated
LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Nazi aircraft to-day repeated the attacks they made on Monday on British and neutral shipping in British waters.

On Monday, with bombs and machine-guns they attacked ten merchant ships and two light ships. The only ship which has so far been reported lost is the Jersey Queen, a small ship less than 1,000 tons, whose S.O.S. was heard by radio sets ashore.

She reported that another ship was being attacked nearby.

A life-boat was put out to the rescue.

Latvian Ship Beached
One of the ten merchant ships was the Tautilla, a Latvian vessel of 3,700 tons, which was beached.

A member of the crew who walked ashore from the beached ship said that he had been knocked out during the attack and when he came to, he found himself alone.

FINNS NOT AFRAID

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (UP).—The news of yesterday's air casualties has not frightened the Finns although it is stressed that the need of adequate armament with which to combat the invaders is more urgent than ever.

A Finnish air expert said: "I am sure that if we could get a fair number of new fighter planes, the Russian aviators could never repeat yesterday's feats."

The damage done to property at Turku yesterday was the heaviest of the war with the exception of the bombing of Helsinki on November 30 when 55 were killed and 80 wounded.

Heaviest Red Raids of War

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—All through the night further reports of yesterday's air raids poured into Helsingfors from all over southern Finland, to O TH

Right along the coast from Viborg on the east and Abo on the west come fresh revelations of horror and destruction, marking what may prove to be Finland's worst day of air-raids to date.

Nothing seems to have been spared. In addition to towns and villages, isolated farms, and peasant homes were ruthlessly attacked.

It is announced that between January 21 and 27, some 3,000 bombs fell in Finland, killing 24 and wounding 56 in 46 different localities, the objectives including two hospitals.

It is stated that 1,250 Russians were killed at the front last Sunday.

Soviet Attacks Weaken
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Soviet attacks on the north-east of Lake Ladoga are becoming fewer and weaker.

Fighting is still centred in four major points but the Finns are in possession of strong positions and can launch successful counter-attacks.

Deep snow is restricting the movements of the Soviet tanks.

The Finnish coast on Mantees Island near the north-east shore of Lake Ladoga has been shelled by the Russian rear lines.

The Soviet Army tried to capture the fort and several hundred soldiers were killed yesterday on the frozen lake.

The vital importance of personal initiative was emphasised by Marshal Mannerheim when he presented awards to-day to 2,500 Finnish soldiers.

Russian Attacks Repulsed
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day states that a few enemy attacks to the north-east of Lake Ladoga have been repulsed resulting in heavy enemy casualties and the destruction of two Russian tanks.

The Red Navy, supported by aircraft artillery, attacked Mantees Fort but were repulsed.

On the Karelian Isthmus, the Finnish Coastal Force defended against several enemy batteries.

It is estimated that 200 enemy planes flew over Finland yesterday in the Abo Hangö Tammerlahti district. Perhaps two coast towns on the Gulf of Bothnia and a hospital were bombed while the Nurmes district was bombed several times.

21 Planes Brought Down
According to reports received up to now, more than 30 civilians were killed and about 80 wounded in yesterday's raids.

The Finnish aircraft bombed a certain harbour and the vessels lying there, enemy motor-junkies, transport columns, troops quarters and railway stations.

It is claimed that 21 enemy planes were shot down with the loss of only one Finnish plane.

Asama Maru Talks Resume

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Jan. 30 (Domei).—The second interview between Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, and Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, regarding the Asama Maru affair was held at the Foreign Minister's official residence at 7 p.m.

It was understood that Sir Robert received fresh instructions from London this afternoon and immediately sought an interview with Mr. Arita.

Though there is no prospect in sight of a settlement, it is understood that the Foreign Minister is seeking a settlement on the basis of a political consideration on the part of the British side.

Mr. Arita will emphasize the validity of the Japanese views and ask the British Ambassador to co-operate in effecting an amicable settlement by giving "political consideration" to the Japanese claims.

The meeting between Mr. Arita and Sir Robert is generally believed to spell the fate of the outstanding issue. Britain insists on its interpretations of International Law and the London Declaration, and refuses to comply with the request for the release of the German prisoners or to modify its own claims under International Law.

The British reply expressed readiness to consult about future guarantees.

LATEST

Youth Charged With Shooting

European Lady In Scandal Pt. Incident

A SENSATIONAL incident at Scandal Point on Sunday had a sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a 17-year-old youth dressed in European clothes appeared on four charges.

He was Lau Po-lau, alias Paul Lau. Lau was charged with the larceny from the Warrant Officers quarters at Scandal Point of a silver chain and two medallions. A second charge alleged that he was in unlawful possession of an automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition.

Two further charges alleged that he shot at Mrs. A. M. Estall with intent to harm her and also with intent to resist arrest.

Sub-inspector Croomlin prosecuted and was granted a week's remand.

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Horror Upon Horror

Nazis Slay Polish Children

London, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—"Executions are going on all over Poland at great speed," declared Paris-radio to-day.

Stating that the Nazis have speeded up the mass expulsion of the Poles from German-occupied Poland, the announcer added: "In spite of the bitter cold, thousands of people are being loaded into trains."

"They are not allowed to take food with them and are thus virtually condemned to death."

"In a wagon which was transporting children from Poznan, 30 children were found dead when the train reached its destination."

Japanese Consuls Get Together

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—Japanese Consuls throughout China are arriving for to-morrow's opening of the two-day conference called by Mr. Kato, Minister-at-Large.

The head of the Foreign Office China Affairs Bureau, Mr. Akiyoshi Tajiiri, arrived by plane from Tokyo yesterday.

It is unconfirmedly stated that the conference will discuss means of improving relations with third Power nationals in China.

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A list of prohibited articles may be seen at the General Post Office.

Small Parcel Post to all countries suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are sent 15 minutes earlier than the times given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 10 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 24th January.

Barbadoes and Tourane Jan. 31.
Japan and Shanghai Jan. 31.
Java and Manila Jan. 31.
Shanghai Jan. 31.
Canton Feb. 1.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow Feb. 1.

Straits and Saigon Feb. 1.
Haliphong Feb. 1.
Calcutta and Straits Feb. 2.
Haliphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard Feb. 2.

Canton and Shanghai Feb. 3.
Sandakan Feb. 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 12th January) Feb. 3.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 4th January) Feb. 3.

Shanghai Feb. 4.
Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 4.

OUTWARD MAILS

Fort Bayard Wednesday, Jan. 31.
Straits, Bombay, Aden, Malta and London parcels only—due London, 12th March.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Parcels Jan. 31, Noon.
Reg. Jan. 31, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa via Durban Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.

Saloon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th February.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 31, 3.45 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Rangoon and Calcutta Jan. 31, 5 p.m.

Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 8th February.

K.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

Reg. Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Canton Feb. 1, 7.15 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haliphong Feb. 1, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai Feb. 1, 7.15 a.m.
Amoy Feb. 1, 7.15 a.m.

Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 19th February.

K.P.O. & G.P.O.

Parcels Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 2, 8.45 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 2, 9.30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 2

Amoy and Shanghai Feb. 2, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard Feb. 2, 8.30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3

Tourane Feb. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Saloon Feb. 3, 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only) Feb. 3, 10.30 a.m.

Amoy Feb. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai Feb. 3, 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 11th Feb.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg. Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 3, 5.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London parcels—due London, 26th March.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Parcels Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 3, 8.45 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 3, 9.30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 4

Canton Feb. 4, 7.15 a.m.
Japan Feb. 4, 9 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager,
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 15th February, 1940, at 11.00 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 3rd February to Thursday, 16th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1940.

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EARL RISES FROM RANKS Sued The Wives Of Soldiers

WITH THE R.E.F. IN FRANCE.

THERE seems to be no end to the interesting people one meets out here during air-raid alarms. There was "Grade Fields" the other day and "My Lord" (The "T" to the R.E.F.) who is a spotter to an A.A. battery.

The slogs were still hooting this morn'g when I found sitting alone in a great mansion one of the playboys in England.

When I arrived up here with the R.E.F. he was the driver of an armoured car. He showed a remarkable ability to read maps. So he was in the armoured car and became an intelligence officer.

DEFECTS IN WARSHIPS BY A NAVAL CORRESPONDENT

According to reliable reports from Germany, the number of workers now employed at German naval dockyards is greater than during 1914-18. Figures given are 34,000 at Wilhelmshaven and 40,000 at Kiel.

Within a year of two of Hitler's advent to power the numbers at each of these bases rose from an average of little over 1,000 to about 12,000, working in three shifts of 4,000 each.

This total has since been approximately tripled, though some of the men are still engaged on work which is only indirectly connected with armaments.

Though nominally a 48-hour week is worked, the usual working week in practice is one of 60 hours. With the object of utilizing this three shifts are worked wherever possible.

Weak Destroyer Hulls

It is said that trouble has been caused through too light a specification being accepted for the construction of the hulls of destroyers. When fully loaded and equipped, the few salvaged destroyers proved unequal to the strain, and the ships have had to be reinforced amidships.

Cases are quoted of superstructures having sagged as much as two inches. Machinery troubles have been experienced through the same cause. There are several instances of destroyers breaking down during trials and having to be towed back to harbour.

So far no ships have been completed with guns of greater calibre than 1.1p, though four battleships under construction are to have 16in weapons.

Defects in material have come to light in the course of gunnery practice with 11in and smaller guns. Turbines having developed cracks after a few salvoes. On the other hand, notwithstanding the poor show made by the Admiral Graf Spee, it is the German contention that their ranging and fire-control equipment is highly efficient.

Perishable Alloys

The only two genuine battleships so far completed, the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, are alleged to possess exceptionally satisfactory anti-aircraft batteries.

Very elaborate arrangements for connecting the gun stations and other units with the control positions exist in these two ships. In the event of a gun being knocked out automatic advice of the fact is instantly conveyed.

Quesing to the shortage of certain raw materials, resulting in the use of substitutes, alloys of lighter material have replaced brigs for all purposes in warships.

Though this gives some advantage as regards weight, there is a decided reduction in durability. It has been found that sea water has a detrimental effect on these light alloys. To counteract this certain parts have been oxidized by means of a special electrical process.

Unfortunately, parts so oxidized require, when fitted, which involves an opening for the introduction of salt water, with the most disastrous effects in the case of screws, hinges, and other delicate parts.

News Guide

BERNARD MOORE, whose picture guides to countries and places in the news were one of the most popular and instructive features of a leading London daily in the crisis days before war began, is going to write regularly for the "Telegraph" a guide to the foreign news. He has an expert knowledge of international affairs and during many years as "Daily Herald" correspondent in Geneva made personal contact with most of the world's leading statesmen. He will expand and explain the news, tell you something about the places where it is happening, the men involved in it and what it means to you.

By Bernard Moore

Tug-of-War Over Balkans

The formation of a larger Balkan neutral defensive peace bloc dominates political and diplomatic interests in Bucharest.

Italy and Turkey are expected to begin negotiations designed to improve their relations, which may lead to a non-aggression pact.

THESE and many other messages indicate the intense diplomatic activity now going on in South-Eastern Europe.

The former struggle between Britain and Germany over economic and political interests in the Balkans appears to have become one between Soviet Russia and Italy.

Slimor Gayda, Mussolini's mouth-piece, made Italy's position clear a week ago when he wrote: "Russia has assigned herself the mission of the guardian of the Balkans and the Danube. But Mussolini's Italy and not Communist Russia has assumed this mission."

And so far, the Balkan States are definitely leaning towards Italy. A Rumanian trade delegation arrives in Rome this week. Turkey, which recently declined an agreement with Russia owing to harsh Soviet terms, is now about to "talk turkey" with Italy. An already in Rome.

The Balkan Entente, at present, consists of Turkey, Rumania, Greece and Yugoslavia, comprising over half a million square miles of South-East Europe. Outside the Entente, are Bulgaria and Hungary, both considerably reduced in size following the Great War.

Turkey's Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, is expected to mediate in the settlement of outstanding questions between Bulgaria and Rumania.

CHIEF problem between Rumania and Bulgaria is over the Dobruja, territory on the Black Sea which the latter lost in the second Balkan War in 1913. If this question could be settled Bulgaria would probably join the Balkan Entente.

Hungary lost territory to Rumania and Yugoslavia by the Peace Treaties, and has, therefore, kept out of the Entente, too. Now, German pressure and Russia's new proximity is inducing a different attitude.

All the indications are that if the Balkan Entente is to be increased in size it will be under the sponsorship of Italy and designed to prevent the extension of Russian influence along the Black Sea coast.

£5-A-WEEK SWEDEN IRON MINERS GET BLACK-OUT ALARM

GAELIVARE (Sweden). FORTY miles north of the Arctic Circle I drove this morning past timbered, pale-red houses along a broad, snow-banked road in the heart of Lapland, and found one of the key points in the strategy of Europe.

My guide pointed ahead. "That is Malmberget—the iron mountain," he said. It is one of the great group of Swedish mines whose high-grade iron ore is needed for the fortifications and munitions of Germany.

My guide, Herr Porje Nordlund, second engineer of the mine, stopped our car outside a white-timbered factory office. Here the representative of the 214,000,000 Grängesberg-Oxelösund Transport Company, Ltd.—internationally known as T.C.O.—directs operations on the mountain.

We went on foot towards the mine shaft. In this peaceful village of chalets, red against the snow, I looked hard for other signs of industry.

I saw one—a tall brick chimney. But it belongs only to a disused power station which once burned coal. Power now is electric, coming from gigantic waterfalls, "the white coal of Sweden." The usual smokeless contrasted strongly with an English mining town.

Warning.

We took lamps from a rack in a small room where a notice warned miners against showing their lights outside.

A coloured drawing showed an airplane dropping a bomb accurately on the mineshaft, because it was conveniently lit by the beam from a miner's headlamp.

The company are organizing their first black-out practice next week. I saw black paper pinned over office and storehouse windows.

Lamp in hand I followed the ore through all its phases. Six hundred feet below the earth I saw it drilled, loaded and transported. Then it was crushed and sorted, and some of it brought to a concentrate which is the world's richest—71 per cent of pure iron ore.

This, with its high phosphorus content, is what Germany needs.

I lunched with the Superintendent, the chief manager of the mines here, in the pleasant dining room of the company's staff hotel.

Now Towns.

The Swedes have made a marvelous job of their life here. Early settlers lived in earth huts roofed with margarine and dynamite boxes. Reindeer sledges carried the ore 500lbs. at a time, at the rate of twenty miles a day, to the Baltic coast at Lulea.

The only relic of the tough days is one miner who slogs six miles to work every morning from a farm run by his wife and children.

Gaelivare and Malmberget are now modern towns with bright, pleasant shops. Electric trains take the ore.

We drank coffee in a spacious miners' canteen. Crocuses and hyacinths stood in pots in the window sills.

At one table a group of miners were listening to the radio. One sat alone at another table.

"He, I learned, is the local leader of the Communist Party. He is not allowed to sit with the others. In the men's changing room yesterday artificial sunlight is being installed. There are also three schools for children. It is not unusual for a miner to earn £250 a year."

Gaelivare has two cinemas, Malmberget three.

The great mystery of Malmberget is a mine called Kolskulle. It is producing at full capacity—250,000 high-grade tons a year—but no one knows who owns the product.

The Question.

Kolskulle was a Czech firm before Hitler took Czechoslovakia. There is a Swedish holding company, but the Austrian manager in Malmberget claims that to himself does not know where the ore goes.

How dependent is Germany now on Swedish ore? In Malmberget got the answer: "That is just what we should like to know." It sounded sincere.

This, I learned, however, of the

Jack-In-The-Box Trousers, Now

NEW YORK. AN invention was patented here to-day for automatically pulling on trousers.

The invention consists of a neat little cabinet in which lies a conventional pair of trousers, crouched and ready to spring up the legs. A man has only to place his feet in the cabinet, release the brake, and up rush the trousers in a split second.

The proud inventor is Auburn Taylor, of Charleston, West Virginia, who believes the invention will net him a vast fortune.

BIRTHDAY BALL IN MANILA

MANILA, Jan. 30 (UP).—The first city under the American flag to celebrate President Roosevelt's birthday, Manila to-night staged a ball attended by 1,800 people which was the biggest in history.

The attendance was stimulated owing to the recent outbreak of infantile paralysis.

Mr. Francis B. Sayre and President Quezon headed the guests.

THEY GAVE TO BRITAIN—Engagement Ring, Gold, Francs, Rupees And A Quarter Dollar

"HERE is a cheque for £100 as an expression of deep gratitude for the kindness given to myself and family in a moment of great distress."

This letter from a German refugee, who has now left the country, is typical of hundreds reaching the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The writers are making gifts towards the cost of the war.

Every day's postbag contains donations and gifts, large and small.

An envelope arrived with an engagement ring, and a slip of paper saying, "Accept this as a peace offering."

Gave Heirloom.

Two elderly women sent £5 in gold "for the benefit of our beloved country."

"The change from a holiday" was written on a note with a word of Belgian francs sent anonymously "for national purposes."

A woman of foreign birth visited the Treasury and, with tears in her eyes, handed over a pearl necklace, a family heirloom, to be sold for the country.

She asked for a receipt so that the family would know to what good purpose its property had been put.

A letter was received from a South African returning home, enclosing £25, which was offered as appreciation of "the protection and freedom of the English flag whilst on leave."

"I am sending you a quarter-dollar in American currency," said another "anonymous" note. "I am sure you can make use of it, so I give it to the nation's foreign currency accumulation."

His War Souvenir.

An ex-Serviceman wrote: "Enclosed find 15 franc notes, a souvenir of the Great War, in which I was a serving soldier. Its value is little more than a widow's mite, but it may come in handy."

An Indian tailor sent 200 rupees (£10) to a British military unit in India for the voluntary and loyal contribution to the nation's war expenditure.

An anonymous refugee on the Continent sent a large sum of money and said: "May I help your lovely country in her 'to be or not to be' fight?"

A wounded ex-Serviceman in Tasmania sent a contribution, "as he felt he was well off compared with the heavily-taxed people at home."

Restrictions On U.S. Ships

Britain Asked For Assurances

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, agreed to-day regarding British restrictions on United States shipping.

Later Lord Lothian told the Press that they had discussed the possibility of guaranteeing that United States ships would be exempt from liability to be taken to British control ports within the "combat area" laid down by the United States Neutrality Act.

The matter is still under discussion.

The prospect of establishing a control port in Canada was also considered. St. John, New Brunswick, had been mentioned as the most likely place for such a port.

The talk lasted 35 minutes and Lord Lothian said they had had a very friendly discussion on various points. He did not present any reply to the United States note to Britain which is still unanswered.

Japanese Deny Tientsin Restrictions!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENSIN, Jan. 30 (UP).—A Japanese military spokesman, in reply to a question, stated that to co-operate with the new order in East Asia means not to show hostile characteristics but a friendly attitude.

Questioned regarding the effect of the food restrictions, he replied that the malcontents in the Concessions have increased, and some are smuggling food.

He said there were no restrictions, which the correspondents refused to permit people to pass through.

The spokesman said that the Hirota unit, stationed in the first special area in control of the barriers, receive orders principally from General Honma, but the details generally use their own discretion.

Defence Budget Reductions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Senate Appropriations Committee approved the \$5,754,130 Deficiency Bill and pared 1,000,000 from the sum the House had approved, mostly by cutting the \$20,000,000 Navy Fund for armour plate, armaments and ammunition.

QUINS BORN IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The

wife of an Egyptian named Syed Hamada Geheza has given birth to quintuplets.

They are all girls and are in good health.

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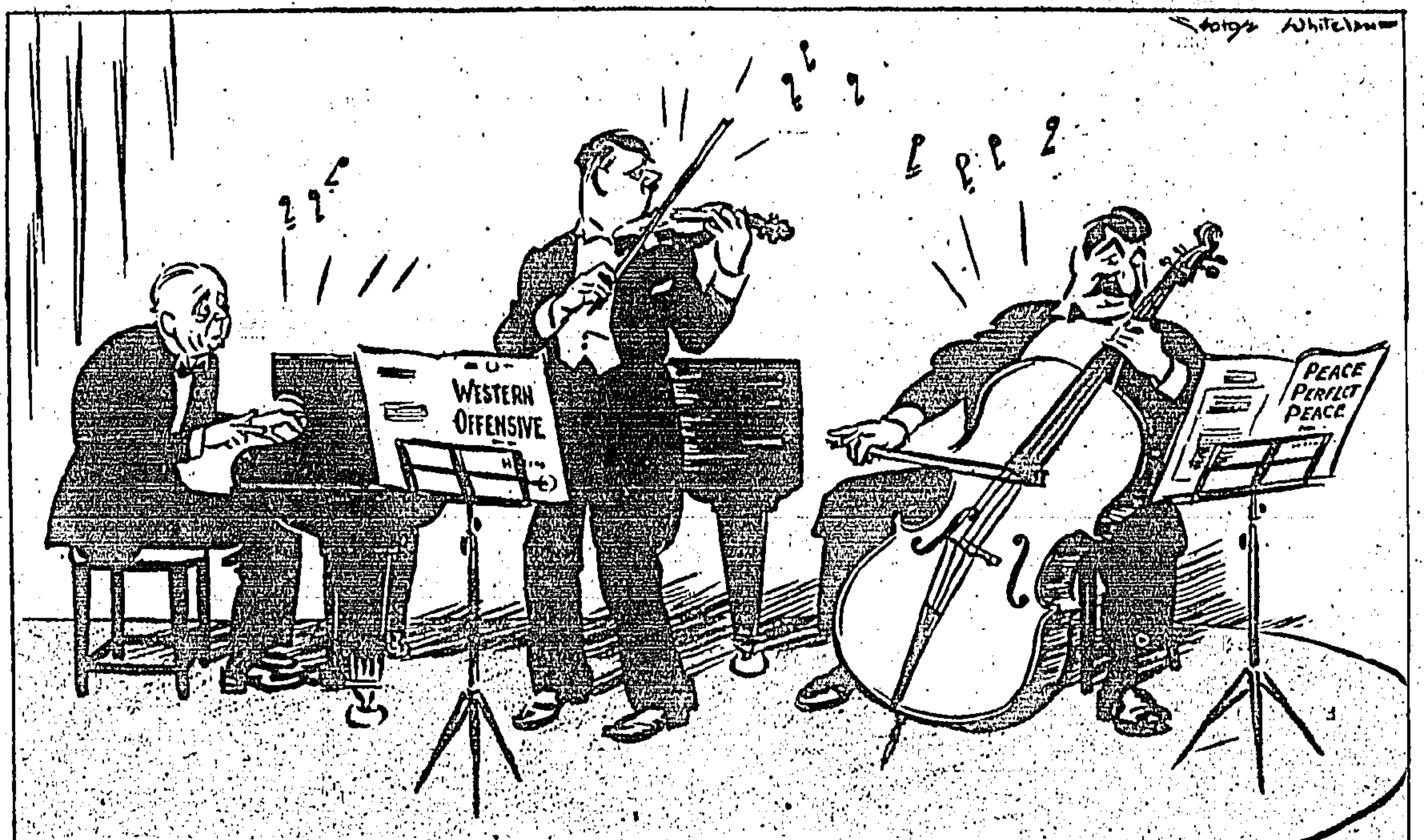
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Maximum Food Production

WITH five months of the war behind us we may feel some confidence that measures have been taken in good time to produce more food from Britain's own soil. The Minister for Agriculture has already reported that the results of the Government scheme for ploughing up 2,000,000 acres of rough or worn-out grassland before next summer had been "inspiring." In the last war it took four years to complete an equal task. In this case the importance of the farm was foreseen, and the plan to restore the fertility of pasture in the spring was set going before the war. Even when it is carried out much more will remain to be done, for the amount of our arable land was at the beginning of the year more than 2,000,000 acres less than in 1914. Sir R. Dorman-Smith has announced another ploughing campaign for the year after next spring, if the war continues. Whatever its course, we shall certainly be required to make the most effective use of all our resources with the least possible delay. None of them has been so long neglected or is capable of such great expansion as agriculture. Millions of acres of second and third-rate grassland, it is officially estimated, are now yielding only a fraction of the human food and animal feeding stuffs which they once provided.

The present objective of agricultural policy is rightly defined as the maximum increase in the productivity of the soil and the maximum economy of shipping and foreign exchange. Britain imported last year 7,500,000 tons of animal food. The more nearly farmers, whether milk or meat is their main product, can eliminate these imports by providing for their stock from their own land, the better for the nation. By the first ploughing programme agricultural dependence on sea-borne supplies should be much reduced. There is no intention now of demanding that wheat should be grown on land which will not give a good yield. As to prices, the farmer must have a reasonable return. The Government plan of taking control of the whole output of the land provides for that, and ought to ensure that there are no exaggerated increases.

In the case of milk it has been decided that the present level of retail prices shall be maintained at the cost of "temporary assistance" from the taxpayer to the producers. The cost of this was calculated by Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Co-operative spokesman, at £3,000,000 for the projected three months,



HITLER: "We're not together, are we?"

BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT

RECENTLY Mr. Lloyd George told the country what steps he took to speed up our war effort when he became Prime Minister twenty-three years ago. But he did not recall that some of his most notable contributions to our success in the war were made before he became Prime Minister. In particular, his work in speeding up munitions had already produced great results by December, 1916.

During the first nine months of the war, the British Army were slow to realise the part that would be played by heavy artillery in trench warfare. In the early months very few contracts were placed—except for field guns and howitzers, which were ordered in sufficient numbers to keep pace with the growth of the New Kitchener Armies.

But deliveries were slow and the supply of ammunition, which had not been ordered in anything like sufficient quantities, was badly in arrears.

IN the late spring of 1915 the army for which provision was being made was one of thirty divisions. Between August, 1914, and the First of June, 1915, orders had been placed for 110 heavy howitzers of all calibres. By June 30, 62 howitzers had been issued to the Army, most of these being converted naval or coast defence guns.

The Ministry of Munitions was formed at the end of May. In the third week of June an important conference, attended by a representative of G.H.Q., was held in Boulogne between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Thomas, the French Minister of Munitions, at which, among other matters, the requirements of artillery were discussed. The principal suggestion put forward at this meeting by the French experts was the revolutionary one that the number of heavy guns (6in. and upwards) in the field should equal the number of field guns.

Two days later, an inquiry from the War Office as to his artillery requirements elicited from Sir John French a request for a greatly increased establishment.

possibly £9,000,000 for a full year, and these figures are not repudiated by the Minister of Food. It is a heavy burden, but if it maintains the consumption and production of liquid milk through the strain of war and rationing the money may be well spent. Taken as a whole, the plans bid fair to give England ample security, to avoid the fever chart of boom and slump which left farming to disaster after the last war, and to establish the framework of a properly balanced agriculture.

ishment of heavy artillery, which reflected the influence of these discussions at Boulogne. Instead of "siege artillery" being moved as hitherto from one part of the front to another, he asked that each division and army corps should have its own establishment. He therefore asked for one 60 pdr. and one 6in. howitzer battery per division, and two batteries of either 8in. or 9.2in. howitzers for every corps of three divisions.

This programme was to be carried out as soon as possible and during the next winter every effort should be made to double this establishment by the spring of 1916 "if the war should continue so long." Finally, he asked that this establishment should be provided on the basis of 50 divisions in the field by March, 1916.

ON June 30 this letter was forwarded to the Ministry of Munitions with a covering letter stating that if the Ministry were able to meet Sir John French's request, some further guns would be needed for forces in other fields and to provide for wastage. A table was therefore annexed showing requirements for 70 divisions.

Within a week, preparations were begun in the Ministry to allocate orders and for helping manufacturers to provide labour and machinery for this programme. But in August, Mr. Lloyd George, who was still dissatisfied with the contractors' promises, raised the programme to a basis of 100 divisions plus an additional margin varying from 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. for various types of gun.

By the end of August, the programme was finally settled on the basis of a manufacturing programme of 2,655 heavy guns and howitzers. This was nearly six times as many as the total number of heavy guns and howitzers in existence or on order at the time the Ministry came into being.

The programme for light field guns and howitzers was also increased, and arrangements were at once put in hand to bring fresh firms into the business of gun manufacture. An ammunition programme to match this great equipment and provide a greatly increased rate per gun per day, was also organised, with all its associated demands for explosive, fuses, instruments of precision, raw materials and additional labour, both skilled and unskilled.

The primary justification for placing orders of this magnitude

was that it made it worth while to instal new machinery on a larger scale and so hasten the dates at which large deliveries could be made in the critical months of 1916.

FOR nearly 12 months the Lloyd George munition programme was the subject of strong criticism in the Government. Lord Kitchener told the Cabinet that it would never be possible to train artillery officers to handle so vast an equipment.

Mr. McKenna protested that it imposed an undue strain on our finances and in particular that dollars would not be available to pay for the necessary raw materials, and nitro-cellulose from America.

The Board of Trade objected that it was diverting too large a proportion of our resources from commercial work which was needed to maintain our economic life and in particular our export trade.

Finally the programme was opposed by almost every other Government Department on the ground that it monopolised too large a proportion of British labour.

But thanks to the support of Mr. Asquith, the programme

was maintained in spite of all efforts to curtail it; and the rapidly growing output of guns and shells enabled the British Army to take the offensive on a grand scale in July, 1916, thirteen months after the Ministry was established.

THE complete justification of Mr. Lloyd George's foresight quickly followed. Between June and October, 1916, the following successive demands were made upon the Ministry of Munitions:

At the end of June the French began to express alarm at the rapid rate at which their guns were wearing out as the result of the terrific firing in the battle of Verdun. Preparations were therefore put in hand for relining and renewing artillery on a very great scale.

In the second week of July, the Commander-in-Chief wrote demanding a further big increase in the standard establishment of heavy artillery, to be reached in two stages. The Ministry was able to reply that for the heaviest howitzers the maximum programme was covered by orders already placed and that only a small deficit remained to be covered in the case of 6in. howitzers.

Early in August, G.H.Q. asked for a large number of the

new 3in. 20cwt. anti-aircraft guns to protect the whole of the front. A few weeks later the Home Defence Command submitted a similar demand for anti-aircraft guns for London and vital points in this country.

Finally, in the early autumn the Cabinet decided to arm all British merchant ships and requested the Ministry to allot to the Admiralty gun-making capacity for 10,000 guns.

These demands put a very great strain upon the plant capacity that had been organised by the Ministry. But in spite of difficulties, these demands were almost completely met in 1917.

But the pressure did not cease even with the great effort of that year. Early in 1918 the munition programme of the United States, which had entered the war in April, 1917, was falling far behind schedule in spite of the fact that many American firms had been manufacturing for the Allies for the previous two years.

The delay was chiefly due to the unwise decision of the American War Department to turn over the American factories that had been busy on British and French munitions orders in previous years to American types and calibres and to introduce a third pattern of equip-

ment into France. The "change-over" in the factories and the inevitable delays in getting production going on a fresh set of products paralysed production for many months.

In the spring of 1918, therefore, it was decided to equip the American Army in Europe with French field guns and British heavy artillery and ammunition of 6in calibre and upwards for the whole American Army.

THE requirements of this war are very different from those of the war of 1914. In particular, our resources have to provide much more formidable machines and more personnel for the war in the air and for anti-aircraft defence. But it is patent to everyone that we are as yet very far from having called on the full resources of the country.

There are two lessons to be learned from the munition story of 1915. One is that imaginative planning is an essential of victory. The second is that "Where there's a will there's a way." Once again, speed in action is vital; for the sooner we reach the peak of our effort the sooner the war will end. The call may involve discomfort and sacrifice. But, if it is made in the right way, the response will be as overwhelming as it was twenty-five years ago.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

First British Officer Killed

LONDON, Jan. 30. (UP).—Claimed to be the first British officer killed on the Western Front, the death of Lieut. Anthony Crenel Everitt, 23, was announced today. Lieut. Everitt died in Germany on January 9 from wounds.

According to German reports he was leading a patrol and was wounded in No Man's Land and captured.

Lieut. Everitt was a son of the late Sir Clement Everitt and was born in Singapore.

Rumanian Oil Policy

Clearly Stated By Commerce Minister

BUCHAREST, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—An important speech regarding the Rumanian oil policy has been made by the Rumanian Minister of Commerce.

He said that the measures taken recently had no other aim than that of meeting national requirements and all reports to the contrary were quite unjustified.

Oil, he said, was essential for the Rumanian military forces, so necessary during the present troubled times.

He urged the need for an increased production of oil.

'YAH,' SHOUTS FUEHRER YES-MEN ECHO 'JA'

FROM PAGE ONE

of finding one new idea to lure our people," Hitler said.

Versailles. The German Chancellor proceeded to inveigh against the Treaty of Versailles and declared that no nation had suffered more severely from economic depression than Germany.

Not one Englishman during those 15 years remembered Christian love and mercy.

Now they were howling from the Bible, but in those days their real Bible was the Treaty of Versailles, each paragraph of which was a blackmail of oppression.

The Treaty rested on the League of Nations, which was built only to compel Germany to obey the Treaty.

"A Pious Proseur." Chamberlain as a pious preacher proclaiming war aims and if possible to exterminate the German people.

The first phase of the war has come to an end. Churchill is over-anxious to see the beginning of the second phase.

He expresses the hope that war by bombing may now begin and that this war may not spare children and children. Britain has never hesitated to make war against women and children.

"We know what Britain and France have done in the last five months, but Britain and France appear not to know what we in Germany have done within these five months."

"Our arms factories are now working smoothly according to plan."

"The British broadcasts wish us to believe that there is no more sunshine in England because the whole sky is darkened by squadrons of British planes, that the whole world is only one armed camp working for Britain, and that Germany has got only three U-boats left."

"That is very bad, not for us, but for others. For, after having sunk these three U-boats, our enemies will have to invent some theory about the resurrection of U-boats."

MAY STOP NAZI SOYA SUPPLIES

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Strauss asked whether, in view of the great importance of soya beans in Germany's war of economic economy, the Minister of Economic Warfare would reconsider his decision not to ration the quantities imported by contiguous countries.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, assured Mr. Strauss that the matter would be under constant review and that appropriate measures would be taken if the occasion arose.

PRINCE SAIONJI PASSES CRISIS

TOKYO, Jan. 30 (UP).—Prince Saionji has passed the crisis and there is no need for fear, although advanced news necessitates caution until he returns to normal health, stated Dr. Kinoshita Miura, attending physician for the last 22 years on leaving Okita for Tokyo this afternoon. He said he does not intend to visit Prince Saionji again for some time.

Hope of Amicable Settlement Still Being Retained

Tokyo, Jan. 30.

Well-informed quarters understand that hope for an amicable settlement of the Asama Maru case is retained following to-day's interview between Mr. Arita and Sir Robert Craigie. It is understood that the Ambassador expressed the Government's readiness to co-operate for a political settlement of the pending affair apart from the legalistic viewpoints on both sides.

Sir Robert, it is understood, pointed out that the British Government's legalistic views of the pending affair had sufficiently been related in the recent note and that it was not the desire to continue further the discussion of legalities. He expressed the belief that a practical formula could be found between the two Governments with a view to removing the unfortunate case and its possible effects.

Mr. Arita, it is reported, said Japan would also not desire to persist in legal contentions. He then asked the British envoy whether he would suggest any practical measures for a settlement.

The British envoy was understood to have stressed that it would be difficult for Britain to comply with the request for the release of the German prisoners which would affect the prestige of the British nation.

It also involved a vital issue in connection with the prosecution of war by Britain.

As to a future guarantee, the Ambassador was believed to have expressed his Government's readiness to consult with Japan, while Britain would not refuse to express regret for any inappropriate points of the proceedings in the visiting of the Japanese ship.

Mr. Arita asserted that the return of Germans was essential in a settlement of the affair, while the Japanese Government was ready to pay consideration to the use of Japanese ships by the nationals of a belligerent Power.

Mr. Arita, it was understood, considered it difficult to continue conversations unless a definite decision was reached regarding the return of the Germans. It is understood that the question of Germans under detention would again be taken up at tomorrow's meeting between Mr. Arita and Sir Robert.

Some circles understand that a ray of hope has risen from to-day's conversations in which the British side has allegedly waived the legalistic issue and manifested its readiness to effect a political settlement.

Meanwhile, Japanese authorities are understood to be of the view that any further prosecution of the difference in legalistic viewpoints between the two sides at the present moment would not be necessary for accelerating an amicable settlement of the matter.—Domel.

N.Y.K. Decision

Tokyo, Jan. 30. In pursuance of the Government's policy, Japanese ships will give passage to Germans provided with certificates showing they are not employed in Germany's armed forces.

Mr. Terao, Vice-President of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, announced today.—Domel.

Nazi Plane In Luxembourg

Landed By Mistake

LUXEMBURG, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—A German reconnaissance plane flew over Luxembourg on Monday and landed some two miles from the German frontier.

The occupants of the plane asked where they were and, on being told they were in Luxembourg territory, hurriedly took off again.

Dutch Protest To Berlin. AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Government has protested to Berlin over the violation of Dutch territory yesterday by German planes.

The planes flew over central and north-eastern Holland and were chased off by Dutch air patrols.

Balkan Entente Conference

ANKARA, Turkey, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, left here this afternoon at the head of a Turkish delegation for a conference of the Balkan Entente at Bucharest. He will visit the Bulgarian Prime Minister in the course of his journey.

Balkans Not Menaced. BELGRADE, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—"There is no menace to the Balkans," declared the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Cincar Markovitch, according to the newspaper, "Naplo."

The meeting of the Balkan Entente on Friday "will produce no surprise or sensational results," he added.

M. Markovitch said that the "disturbing rumours now current were without foundation. He continued: "It is necessary for the Balkan countries to collaborate in the economic field as the war is being conducted by economic means, and the Balkans are the cross-roads of the continent."

STALINISM IS DESPICABLE WILL FOR POWER

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Russian attack on Finland was nothing but an attempt of Stalinism to destroy the civilisation of the West, said M. Gribenberg, the Finnish Minister in London, in a speech made at Edinburgh today.

Stalinism and not Bolshevism, he said, is the correct expression to use.

Stalinism, he continued, does not represent Bolshevist ideals.

He concluded by saying that Stalinism represents nothing but a destructive and despicable will for power.

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Nazi Coup Frustrated By A French Officer

PARIS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Giving one German a hefty swing with his fist, knocking him down and shouting "Help, boys! The Boches are here!" Lieutenant in the French Alpine chausseurs foiled a carefully planned Nazi raid to take prisoners, writes Charles Morice in the "Petit Parisien." He states that a strong German patrol crept up to the vicinity of a small French western front advance post in the sector north of Bitchie by following marks cut into the frozen snow on the previous day.

About 200 yards from the post the Germans sent on three men who crept through the barbed wire protection and hurled themselves at the Lieutenant who was momentarily stunned but was revived by the intense cold. He used his fists on one of the Germans and called for help.

A chausseur guard then dealt with the second German and the third was surrounded so that when the skirmish was over the French had one prisoner and two Germans dead. The Lieutenant and two men were decorated.

Definition of Cargo

KNOTTY PROBLEM BEFORE BENCH

The question of what constituted cargo, and the importation into Hongkong of \$70,000 Chinese National Banknotes aboard the s.s. Selsatan on January 17, were raised in a test case before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department, prosecuted, and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo acted for Wong Ming-sum, 36, and Leung Kai-fei, 38, who were charged with importing unmanifested cargo, the money, into Hongkong.

Mr. Lo said he welcomed Mr. Hamilton as the prosecutor and offered no objection at all, but wanted to point out that the complainant's name on the charge sheet was not that of Mr. Hamilton. If Mr. Hamilton was to prosecute, the complainant's name had to be amended.

Mr. Hamilton said that from practical knowledge of 20 years, it was not uncommon for the head of a department to prosecute if the importance of the case called for it.

Mr. Edwards said in law, he thought Mr. Lo was perfectly correct. He was not ruling that the head of a department may not prosecute, but the point was that when such a person prosecuted he must be the complainant.

Eventually, the complainant's name was amended to that of Mr. Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton said about 3.15 p.m. on January 17, Senior Revenue Officer Ward boarded the Selsatan on her arrival from Kwongchowwan, and in the course of a search he saw Leung standing by a wooden box and a rattan bag containing money.

Mr. Edwards said it seemed quite clear that Wong had no case to answer and he was dismissed.

Speaking on the question of summoning or charging a person, Mr. Edwards said, in his opinion, when a case of charging anybody came up, the officer in charge of the case should ask himself these two questions: "Is it a case where I can proceed on a summons, or must I exercise my power and charge him at the Police Station?"

He had been found in the case of Wong quite safe to proceed on a summons. Following further submissions on the question of cargo, Mr. Lo said if there was any doubt, that was to be given to defendant.

Mr. Hamilton said the point at issue seemed to be: "What is the ordinary luggage accompanying the passenger?"

Mr. Edwards said the point to be decided was whether the two boxes containing the \$70,000 could be considered luggage with the exception of one instance in Mr. Lo's submission, he had heard neither side attempting to define cargo. The Ordinance gave no definition whatever.

Mr. Hamilton said, in his opinion, cargo was goods on which freight was payable, anything that was carried on a ship and on which freight was paid.

Mr. Edwards pointed out that the question of freight could be arranged between the passenger and the Company.

Mr. Lo said it was for the prosecution to prove that it was cargo. Mr. Hamilton said the common-sense way of looking at the question of cargo seemed to be everything carried on a ship except personal luggage.

Mr. Edwards: Suppose he brought it in in the form of a letter of credit.

Mr. Hamilton said he would have to take legal advice on that point. His own personal feeling was that he would not prosecute.

Judgment was reserved until 10 a.m. on February 12.

Before adjourning, Mr. Edwards said he saw no reason why second accused should remain on bail.

Bols. Wong and Leung were on \$10 bail.

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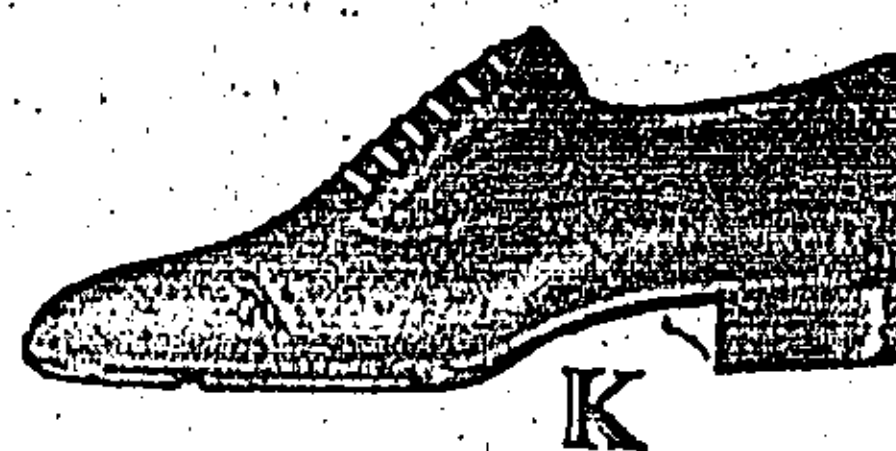
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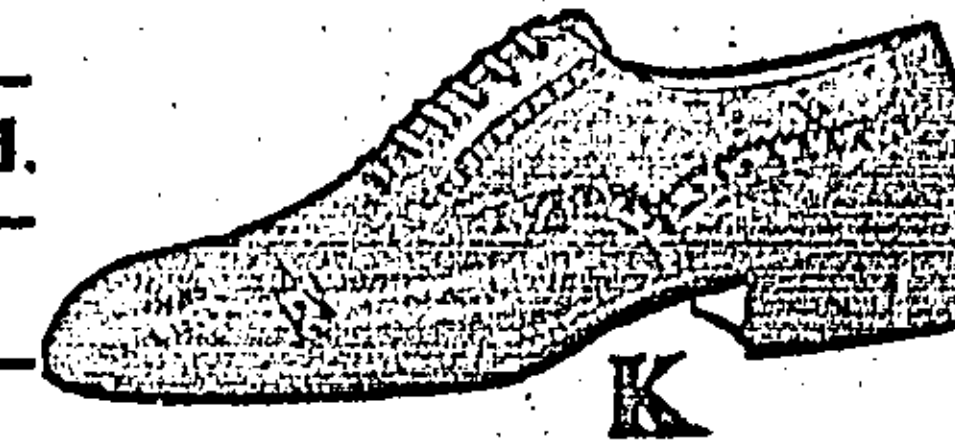
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Around The Courses

CAMPS AND COMPETITIONS CLASH AT COUNTRY CLUB

Excellent Achievements Of A.E. Davies At The Kowloon Golf Club

(By "Birdie")

THE CO-INCIDENCE of Volunteer Camps and competitions have set a problem for the Committee of the Country Club, Sheungshui. Competitions, as I have remarked before, are in full swing. The first rounds of the men's foursomes and the Club championship have been played, while the first round of the Captain's Cup will be played on Sunday.

The rule is rigidly enforced at the Club that matches cannot be played off after the date arranged by the Committee, and, consequently, for a player who may have qualified for the Captain's Cup, and who may have won his first round match in the foursomes, the penalty of having to concede walks-over in both competitions would be rather hard.

For the Captain's Cup, arrangements could have been made to play off at an earlier date, but regarding the foursomes the same could not have been played off on Sunday last only. The Volunteers went into Camp yesterday, and unless, therefore, a second round match had been played off on Monday, or a Volunteer was able to obtain leave from Camp on Sunday, there would be no help for him.

No one can anticipate winning a match, and unless the Committee make some sort of ruling regarding Volunteers, the latter people may probably not consider it worth entering the competitions, if they are likely to be forced into giving walks-over. There was nearly such a case for the coming week-end, but, fortunately, neither side are able to play. It is one way of evading an awkward rule.

The bald announcement the other day that A. E. Davies had won the final of the Club Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club conveyed nothing of the closeness of the match beyond the fact that the game was won on the 36th hole. Davies actually beat R. K. Collings 2 up.

Collings turned one up, but at the 23rd Davies, who is a Petty Officer of the Royal Navy, had evened matters. It was then a ding-dong struggle until Davies became dormie two. Collings won the 35th, leaving Davies dormie one, but on the last hole the champion laid his approach shot six inches from the cup and sank his putt for a birdie 3 to win the hole and match.

With a handicap of 14 last year, Davies won the Junior Championship of the Kowloon G.C., and during the summer went on to annex the St. John of Jerusalem Trophy. His handicap was reduced to 9, and at Fanning in October he won the Visitors' Cup.

His present handicap is 6, and it is very seldom in any Club that one finds a Junior Champion of the previous year winning the Senior Championship the succeeding year.

THE results of the foursomes and championship matches

SPORT ADVTs.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

INTERPORT MATCHES
Hong Kong v Saigon.
Thursday, February 8, 1940.
Eastern A.A. v Saigon.
Friday, February 9, 1940.
South China A.A. v Saigon.
Sunday, February 11, 1940.

All matches will be played at Caroline Hill at 3.30 p.m. each day.

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Badminton

Council Arrange To Hold Colony Championships

DESPITE the possibility of postponements due to the Volunteer Camps, the Council of the Hongkong Badminton Association, decided at a meeting in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Building yesterday to hold the annual Colony championships this year. The Rev. Mr. J. R. Higgs presided, assisted by Mr. S. A. Gray, Secretary.

Forms will be sent to the various Club secretaries, and entrants will be asked to fill in the dates when they will be in Camp. The sub-committee, comprising Messrs. Oliveira, Beattie, Lul, Fisher and Gray, would then try and fix the matches accordingly.

The conditions and sections will be the same as last year, with a fee of two dollars for single, and four dollars for each doubles team entrant. The closing date for entries was fixed for February 18.

ORDER OF PLAY

A QUERY regarding the order of play in matches was brought up by Mr. Gray, who stated that there was no official ruling on the point. After some discussion, the Chairman, Mr. Higgs, recommended from the Chair that visiting clubs be given the courtesy of playing in rotation.

Council members present were Messrs. F. H. Kwok, O. C. Arculli, Hin Peng-kwan, Benjamin Kwai Lau-lul, A. L. Fisher, C. E. Wong, P. H. Wong, H. A. Noronha, and John A. Chan.

at the Country Club on Sunday were:

Championship
F. E. A. Remedios beat J. J. Basto 4 and 3.
H. Kew beat S. V. Gittins 2 and 1.
A. A. Lopes beat A. T. Lee 7 and 5.
P. K. C. Tyau beat Geo. Lee 6 and 5.
E. Sadick beat B. Basto 4 and 2.
C. H. T. Suen beat E. J. M. Churn 5 and 3.
A. W. Ramsey beat F. X. M. Silva 4 and 3.

Foursomes
H. Alves and C. Roza Pereira beat C. Thom and A. R. de Pinna 4 and 2.
E. J. M. Churn and A. T. Lee beat J. B. Mackie and J. L. Litton 3 and 2.
H. Kew and S. V. Gittins beat Geo. Lee and C. Kew 7 and 5.
F. E. A. Remedios and W. C. Hung beat E. Alves and C. E. Marques 3 and 2.
A. J. Kew and C. H. Suen beat A. A. Lopes and J. J. Basto 5 and 4.
C. H. Basto and H. R. de Pinna received a walk-over from C. G. Anderson and A. A. Guterres.
F. X. Silva and M. F. de Pinna beat A. W. Ramsey and R. E. Lee on the 19th.
P. K. Tyau and T. Y. C. Lee beat E. Sadick and B. Basto 2 and 1.

It seems incredible, but it is golf, that after being dormie 5 Ramsey and Lee lost to Silva and Pinna on the 19th. The latter pair staged a wonderful recovery with par figures and a birdie 2 at two short holes and an intervening long hole, but they still left Ramsey and Lee dormie two. The astonishing golf continued for the 17th and 18th holes, and at the 18th an approach which just fell short landed the unfortunate losers in a bunker, and when after four "blasts" they were still there (1) the match was over.

WINNER of the Colony Championship, the Jasper Clark Cup and the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Championship, J. T. Smith (2) is now in the final of the Captain's Cup with J. W. Mayhew (10). It seems that none of the trophies at Fanning are very "open" with a golfer of Smith's calibre competing for them. His results are only a reflection on the greatness of his game, for which all to whom I have spoken have professed admiration.

IT seems I must apologise to several members of the Country Club for having announced a wrong date for the closing of the Mixed Foursomes Competition. I said last week that it was January 25, and it should really be February 25.

YET another hole-in-one has been scored in Hongkong. T. J. Price at Deep Water Bay holed the short sixth from the tee. The Golfer's Handbook contains several references to such feats. There was a hole in 6 (the player having received a stroke), there have been holes halves in one, Alex Herd holds the record for holes-in-one having done 101, there are several instances of holes having been done in one twice in the same round, but there is only one record for holing two successive holes in successive strokes. Latest to hole-in-one in the same day was Shirley Drew-Smith, of Toronto. Playing on the Toronto Mississauga Golf and Country Club course recently, he holed the 145-yards 10th hole from the tee in the morning and repeated the performance in the afternoon.

THE first round of the Captain's Cup at the Country Club is being played on Sunday. The following is the draw:
G. Lee v B. Basto; E. Sadick beat R. E. Lee a little while ago; T. Y. C. Lee v S. V. Gittins; C. H. T. Suen v A. W. Ramsey; A. J. Kew v M. F. de Pinna; A. T. Lee v C. Kew; P. K. Tyau v A. A. Lopes; E. J. M. Churn v J. J. Basto.

SHANGHAI INTERPORT FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—The Shanghai Football Association has selected the following team to meet Hongkong next week: W. Ward (Municipal Police), C. Collet (French Forces), Sgt. W. Harrison (Surreys), Y. Segalen (Association Sportive Francese), N. Z. Leo (Lido), J. Ward (A.S.F.), Captain: F. Foy (St. Francis Xavier), Bdm. H. McLary (Surreys), V. Robostoff (A.S.F.), K. S. Suen (Lido), C. T. Tsao (Lido). Reserves—Sgt. J. Campbell (Scaforth), A. S. da Costa (Lustiano), H. C. Colliaco (Lustiano), Cpl. Parr (Surreys), V. K. Hyul (Lido).

The combined foreign team selections are—M. Souza (Lustiano); E. Victor (Municipal Police), Sgt. J. Campbell (Scaforth); M. Greenberg (St. Francis Xavier), Pte. Jolly (Surreys), A. S. da Costa (Lustiano), Captain: Cpl. A. Parr (Surreys), H. C. Colliaco (Lustiano), H. Cochran (Thomas Hanbury School), Pte. Fraser (Scaforth), M. Karilivh (St. Francis Xavier). Reserves—L. Rozario (Lustiano), Cpl. McCusker (Scaforth), Pte. A. Page (Surreys), H. England (Recrco), Mingozzi (Recrco).

CRITICS' COMMENTS

Interport XI As Strong As Could Be Chosen

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—The majority of critics approve the interport team, which is as strong as could be chosen, although there is argument regarding George Collet gaining the full back post instead of Sgt. Campbell, who played grand football throughout the season but was badly off-colour during Sunday's trial.

Some favoured the veteran Adidi Costa over N. Z. Leo, but the latter showed superior speed and more robust tactics and therefore won the centre half post.

With the exception of the soldiers and also the youthful French lad, Segalen, all the others have played in previous interports. Jimmie Ward, who is captain, is a brother of Willie Ward, goalkeeper, and Jack Ward, at present in Hongkong.

Critics say the team is excellent in all departments with stonewall defenders and an extremely speedy and tricky attacking forward line with such deadly sharpshooters as "Blondy" Robostoff and Freddie Foy.

COMBINED XI "RAGGED"
THE SELECTORS are rapped as regards the combined foreign team which, critics claim, to be an extremely ragged side with men thrown together without any idea of forming an eleven where the men will dovetail well in order to reveal team work. Many believe the team is over-individualistic to be effective.

The interport is set for 2.30 p.m. at the Candrome on February 9, the all-star Chinese for February 9, and the combined foreign team for February 11.

Shanghai is confident of beating Hongkong, but writers are advising players not to underestimate the abilities of the opponents, despite the lack of Chinese stars, and criticism of the team in the Hongkong papers.

—United Press.

Hongkong F. A. Council Meeting

The Council of the Hongkong Football Association will meet next Monday, February 5, when the draws for the semi-final rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions will be made.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches this week:
Thursday, A XI v Royal Scots 2nd XI, ground, 5.15 p.m.—Benwell (Capt.), Jordan and Perry; Smith, McLellan and Tomlinson; Meery; Gemmell; Taylor, Coombe and Baldwin.
Saturday, 1st XI v Badly ("v" ground, 4.15 p.m.)—Benwell (Capt.); Jordan and Vurlett; Bates, McLellan and Colledge; Meery, Gemmell, Taylor, Waldron and Coombe.
Saturday, 2nd XI v R.A.O.C. ("v" ground, 2.00 p.m.)—Claggett; Kilten and Perry; Smith, Tomlinson and Broch; Stone, Dornier (Capt.), Spare, Greenberg and Linker.

Secretary Leaving

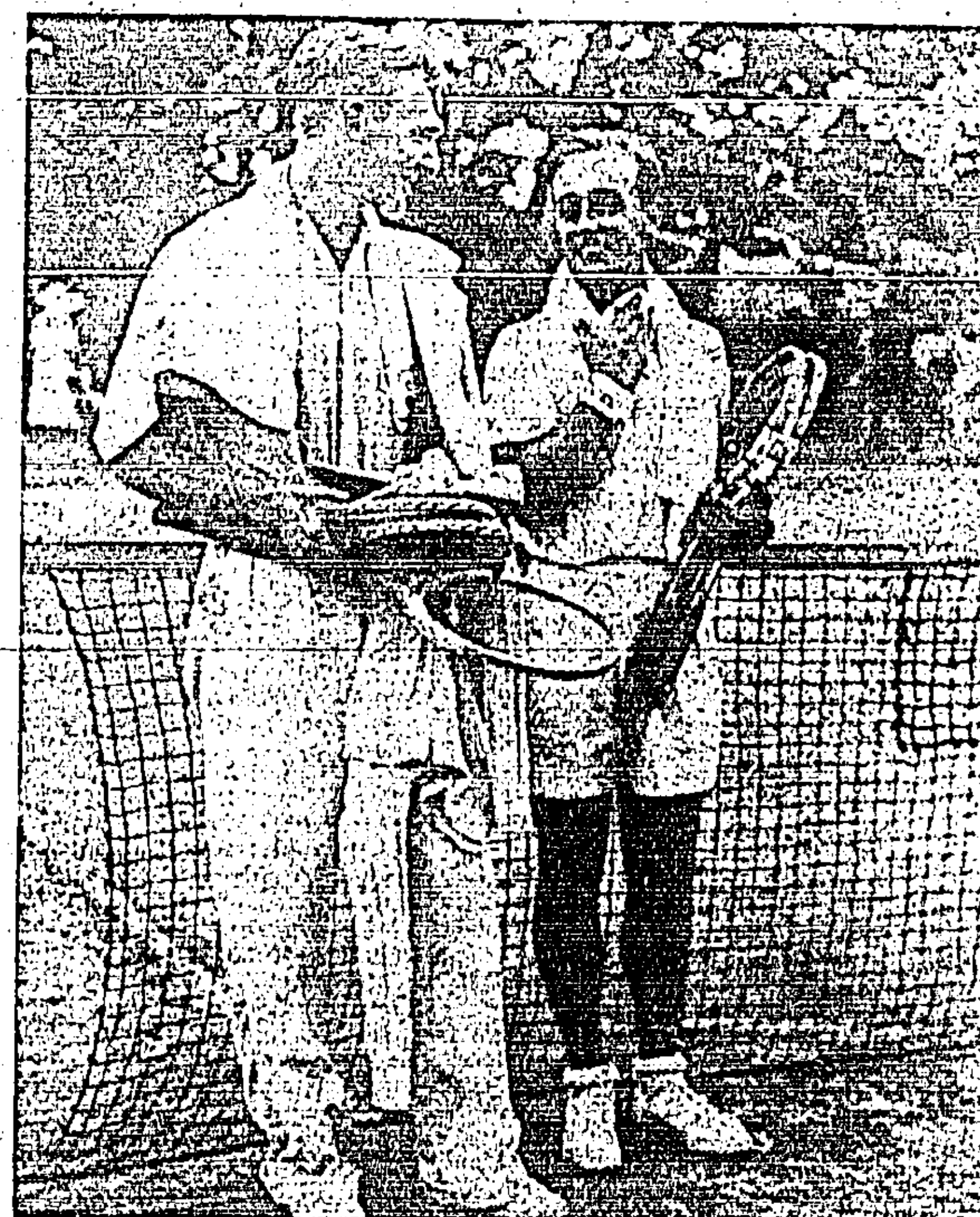
Mr. A. F. Austen, for the past three seasons Hockey Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. is leaving shortly for England.



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Recreio Cricket XI

The following have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreio 1st XI in a league game against the Indian Recreation Club on Saturday, February 3, at 2 p.m.:
A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., V. A. Reed, L. G. Gosano, H. L. Orlorio, J. M. Gosano, P. Pereira, H. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares and N. Daltro.



John Bromwich and Adrian Q. Ort, Australia's two-man tennis team who took the Davis Cup from America last year. Both are now engaged in military service, and the question of the defence of the Cup, if the non-combatant nations desire a competition this year, immediately concerns them.

Good Shooting At Saturday's Rifle Meet

SIXTY-FOUR MEMBERS attended the Hongkong Rifle Association's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters on Saturday. Some good scores were obtained, although some were troubled by a shaft wind. The light was good up to the 600 yards, the last detail being unfortunate in this respect.

Sgt. R. J. Heap, of the R.N.R.S., topped the aperture sights class with 98 securing a possible at 600 yards, although the poor light robbed him of his century at 600 yards. Some good scores were registered in the open sights class, Sgt. M. F. Rushman, of the R.N.R.S., obtaining 94, while Q.M.S. J. Ball and Sgt. Major Maalen had 90's.

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Pls.	L. W. Peckham	3	27	28	28	81
Sgt.	M. F. Rushman	9	31	31	32	94n
Sgt.	J. Ball	9	30	30	30	90
Sgt.	M. F. Maalen	9	32	29	29	90
Sgt.	K. G. G. Chan	9	29	27	27	83
Cpl.	F. Cole	2	29	27	27	83
Pls.	G. A. Noronha	10	31	28	28	84n
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FRENCH STRAIGHTEN OUT WESTERN FRONT: WITHDRAWAL FROM GERMANY

They Call Her Gasolene

MISS PEGGY HARRISON, an American girl, on holiday in England when the war started, was largely responsible for fitting out a British Red Cross rest room, in Edinburgh. She handed over a cheque she had received from her father. And then they nicknamed her "Gasolene" when she volunteered as a Red Cross driver and announced she would pay for her own petrol.

New Way To Fight The War Advanced

LONDON.—A plea that the Allies should make a declaration "renouncing military assault as a means of curing aggression" and simultaneously should issue an explicit statement on Allied war aims is advanced here by Capt. Liddell Hart, acknowledged British authority on military strategy and tactics.

N. Y. CITY'S BILL FOR DINNER

Judge May Cost City Millions

NEW YORK (UP).—Serene and sure, Magistrate Henry H. Curran mounted his bench to loss off a miracle. He intended to force the city of New York to pay for the \$40 dinner and the \$25 hotel suite Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lewis enjoyed.

Only Magistrate Curran knew the formula of his miracle. The city of New York, through its representatives, said it most certainly would not pay the bill. The city's contractor, the Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation said they most certainly would not pay.

But the Lewis' were not at all worried. They had merely followed Curran's advice and relied on his promise that the bill would be paid in fulfillment of Curran's principle of justice—that the punishment must fit the crime.

The Lewis' hauled Charles Richardson, engineer of the Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation before Magistrate Curran on a charge of violating the anti-noise ordinance. The corporation, under contract with the city, is building a motor drive along the East River, and the din is terrific. Moreover, it goes on day and night, Sundays, and holidays, and the Lewis' together with other residents of exclusive Sutton Place have found sleep impossible for days.

Richardson said his men were building a monolithic core for a coffer dam and that the concrete had to be poured continuously. The Lewis' said their home was uninhabitable.

Curran told the Lewis' to go out and have the best dinner in town—and with the dinner, have a burgundy. I'd suggest Clos Vougeot, 1923—then go to the best shop in town, then stop by a club for a snack and a drink, then to a good hotel.

Costly Dinner

"Come back here to-morrow morning with the bill for the night's entertainment and sleep. This will be an oral bill. We will take your word for it and Mr. Von Venn (of the city of New York) will see that the bill is paid."

The Lewis' went to the Colony Restaurant. They had two dry martinis at 50 cents each. They had two orders of beluga caviar at \$3.50 an order. Then two lobster Newburg at \$2.50 each, a pressed duck at \$5, two 75 cent salads, a bottle of Curran's favourite burgundy which came to \$6.50, two souffles at \$1 each, two cups of coffee at 50 cents each, and bought cocktails for persons who visited their table. The total bill, with tax and a \$6.00 tip came to \$40. Then they went to the Waldorf Astoria where they slept soundly in a \$25 suite.

Entranced reporters watched the Lewis' wade through the Colony menu and by telephone gave the Magistrate what amounted to a play-by-play report.

"They just ordered a pressed duck, Judge," a reporter exclaimed, "five bucks worth of duck."

Curran said benignly: "Sufficient unto the day is the dinner thereof."

If Curran was not worried, the officials of the city of New York and the corporation were. They would not mind paying for the Lewis' entertainment, but 1,000 other residents of York Avenue, along which the drive is being constructed, have the same complaint about the noise and 1,000 dinners at \$40 each would cost \$40,000.

Woodbury, New Jersey (UP).—James Kaye, 21, was committed to the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane. Police said he told them he had not 115 fires since 1934 because he "liked to see them burn." The fires caused \$2,000,000 damage.

SOMEWHERE ON THE MAGNOT LINE, France.

—The situation along the narrow Franco-German front between the Rhine and Moselle Rivers to-day represents the reverse of what I found on a previous visit to the front two months ago.

Then the French were edging into Germany, ironing out the projections of German territory into France, notably around Warndt Forest, west of Forbach. Now the French have withdrawn from Germany and are endeavouring to straighten out the irregular frontier line to their advantage.

Such French frontier towns as Forbach and Saarbrücken are today in No Man's Land with neither side occupying them firmly and with patrols occasionally clashing in their neighbourhood during nocturnal raids. This change, however, indicates nothing as regards the future course of the war, because a large-scale collision between the two armies, with their modern weapons of destruction, has not occurred. The French did not touch the Siegfried Line during their September advance and the Germans at no point touch the Magnot Line to-day.

Still "All Quiet"

The war retains its singularly mild and gentlemanly character with a conspicuous absence of fierce bombing raids which were generally anticipated at the outbreak of hostilities. The fighting activities have been restricted to skirmishes between advanced patrols with occasional artillery duels and air combats.

I have just returned from a visit to several combat units which now are resting in Lorraine after being engaged in the earlier fighting. The visit conveyed the impression that the morale and physical condition of the French troops were excellent. They were quartered in barns in villages where one sometimes shakes

Front-Line Styles For Correspondents

LONDON.

American newspaper correspondents swapped business suits for khaki uniforms for their recent official visit to the front, but the absence of detailed instructions produced an effect wonderful to behold.

Some of the correspondents had boots, some had slacks, some wore Sam Browne belts, some had raincoats lined with sheep's wool. Others had great coats big enough to shelter a family of midgets.

Map cases, field glasses, gas masks, tin hats—all fairly dropped from the fully equipped correspondent. Arms brassy and vertically striped in red and white added a barber's pole effect.

Once fully installed in the equipment it takes two men and a large boy to get the average correspondent out.

—

knee-deep in mud, after stepping off the main roads.

The troops are well fed, receiving meat, usually beef, twice a day and the French officers have not forgotten Napoleon's dictum that an army marches on its stomach. One Colonel conceived the ingenious idea of holding a competition for the best cook, and allowing the men to act as the jury.

Ability of Officers

Incidentally, the visitor to the French Army is impressed by the ability of many of the higher regimental officers to treat the men in an extremely human and democratic fashion while still preserving the fullest dignity and maintaining the most efficient discipline. During the trip I met an Alsatian who possessed the unusual background of having served as a private in the German Army during the World War when Alsace Lorraine belonged to Germany and who is now holding the rank of Captain in the French Army. Questions regarding the major differences between the two armies he replied, "Discipline is the first characteristic of the German Army and initiative of the French. And French officers are much more agreeable to their men than the German officers."

The general health of the troops is excellent. The effect of regular meals and outdoor life has more than offset the bleak, rainy weather, cramped, bare quarters. This, of course, is not true of the unfortunate victims of mines and shells of whom I saw a number in the well-equipped military hospital at Saverne. But casualties thus far have been extremely light on both sides.

French officers with whom I talked generally expressed the conviction that the present calm could not last indefinitely. They also generally believed that war could not be won without a decisive military victory and were confident of the Franco-British ability to win this victory, although opinion differed as to whether the war might be won by spring or would require a much longer time.

Reconnaissance Groups

A branch of the French Army, organised some years ago, which has come into great prominence during the present war is the so-called "reconnaissance groups" whose function it is to keep in constant contact with the enemy and to engage in raids and scouting expeditions. I met two daring young soldiers who had slipped, Indian fashion, into the German town of Ludweiler during the French invasion of the Saar and carried off as trophy the banner of the German Association of Radio Users ornamented with the German swastika. I also met a young noncommissioned officer who had won the two

highest French military decorations, the Croix de Guerre and the Médaille Militaire for having rescued the body of a fallen officer under heavy German fire and held out with a small patrol against a larger German force in Forest Warndt. These "reconnaissance groups" represent the elite among the French cavalry and are regularly filled with the most daring and promising soldiers.

British Troops

British troops are stationed farther Northwest near the Belgian border. Some foreign observers find that the British troops are more exuberant than the French, whose dominant mood is one of resigned, determined stoicism. There is rather a conspicuous contrast between the pay of the British and French since the French private receives the negligible sum of 75 centimes, unless he is front lines, when he gets 10 francs a day, still much less than the British. However, one French officer told me his men appreciated the point when he told them it was not the French but the British Government which was paying the soldiers so that British people must ultimately foot the bill.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 31, 1890.
The French Army officers are now all armed with revolvers; during the war with Germany in 1870 they had none.

Sir,—Is the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society dying a natural death? A cold and miserable annual meeting, a still more miserable ball on St. Andrew's Day and no celebration of Burns' anniversary would almost lead one to think so. Scotsmen to the front.—AN ENTHUSIASTIC SCOT.

Very enjoyable, if not ultra-select, was the quadrille party given by the staff-sergeants and sergeants of the A. and S. Highlanders at their friends in the City Hall, last evening.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 31, 1915.
To-day is the fifty-ninth anniversary of the institution of the Victoria Cross, the highest award which Britain has to offer for gallantry in the field or in naval warfare.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 31, 1930.
The Military Dictatorship in Spain may be regarded as virtually at an end, resulting in a bloodless revolution which brought about the resignation of General Primo de Rivera and the members of his Cabinet. The movement which brought about the downfall of the Dictator was started in Seville by the Infante Carlos (the King's cousin) who refused to continue in his command. General Primo de Rivera announced his own retirement after rumors had been rife all day. His successor is to be General Berenguer.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 31, 1935.
In regard to the petition by the Government of Western Australia to be permitted to accede to the Commonwealth, the Dominion Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, said in the Commons that as similar petitions had been addressed to both Houses, he realized there would be advantage in consideration of the question by a Joint Select Committee. He proposed to explore the possibility of adopting such a course.

Nazi Sabotage Plot Revealed by Reds

NEW YORK.—Communists and Nazi agents in Detroit and Michigan are prepared to sabotage industrial production to prevent war supplies being shipped to the Allies, said Mr. Martin Dies, chairman of the House Committee investigating un-American activities to-day.

He said that knowledge of the plots had forced him to make a special journey to Detroit to hold a hearing behind locked doors, and added: "My informants are disgruntled Communists who dislike the alliance between Germany and Russia."

Czech Women Join Up

LONDON.

More than 200 Czechoslovak women are training in London for service in field hospitals in France as part of the Czechoslovak military contribution to the Allies.

The women are taking language lessons in French and English as well as technical training for the nursing service. Much of the work is carried on in the evening as many of the Czech refugees are employed by day as domestic servants.

"I am looking forward impatiently to the moment when I shall be able to start work and make use of what I have learned," the wife of a doctor told the United Press. With her husband she escaped from Prague after the German occupation.

"I am glad that I shall be allowed to work in a field hospital," a young girl, formerly a shop assistant in a Bohemian country town said. "I am not afraid of most hard labour as long as I know that I can do something for my country."

Many of the women came from homes of wealth in Czechoslovakia. They do their own housework now or work as the servants of others.

Duchess Will Not 'Take Cover'

THE Duchess of Windsor has not taken refuge in a bomb-proof cellar during any of the half a dozen air-raid alarms that Paris has had so far, nor does she intend to take refuge from Nazi bombers.

"I suffer from claustrophobia" (fear of confined spaces), she explained to an International News Service representative. "If things ever get too bad I might go into the Bois de Boulogne. (The woods came almost to the door of her Boulevard Suchet home.)"

"Anyway, if you are at war you must accept your chances. Being killed by a bomb is something like being killed in a motor accident if you are a careful driver. A sort of act of God. It is unpredictable, and there isn't much you can do about it."

The reporter adds: I understand there was a strong difference of opinion between the Duke and Duchess on the question of her remaining in Paris.

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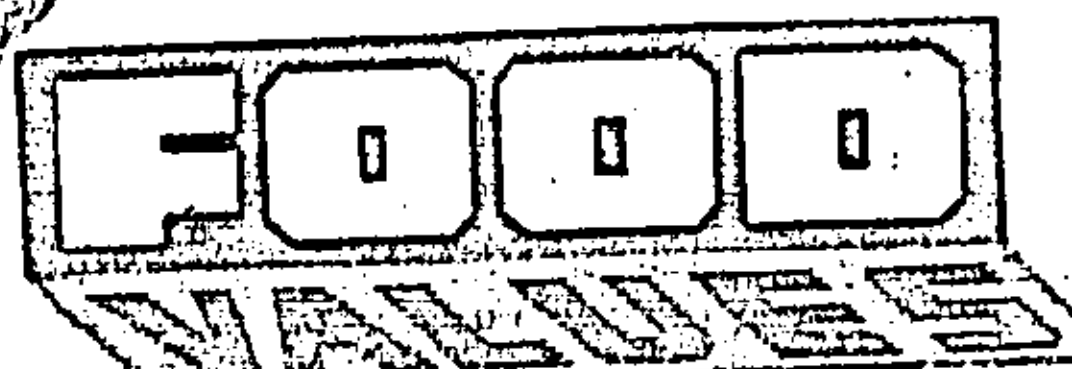
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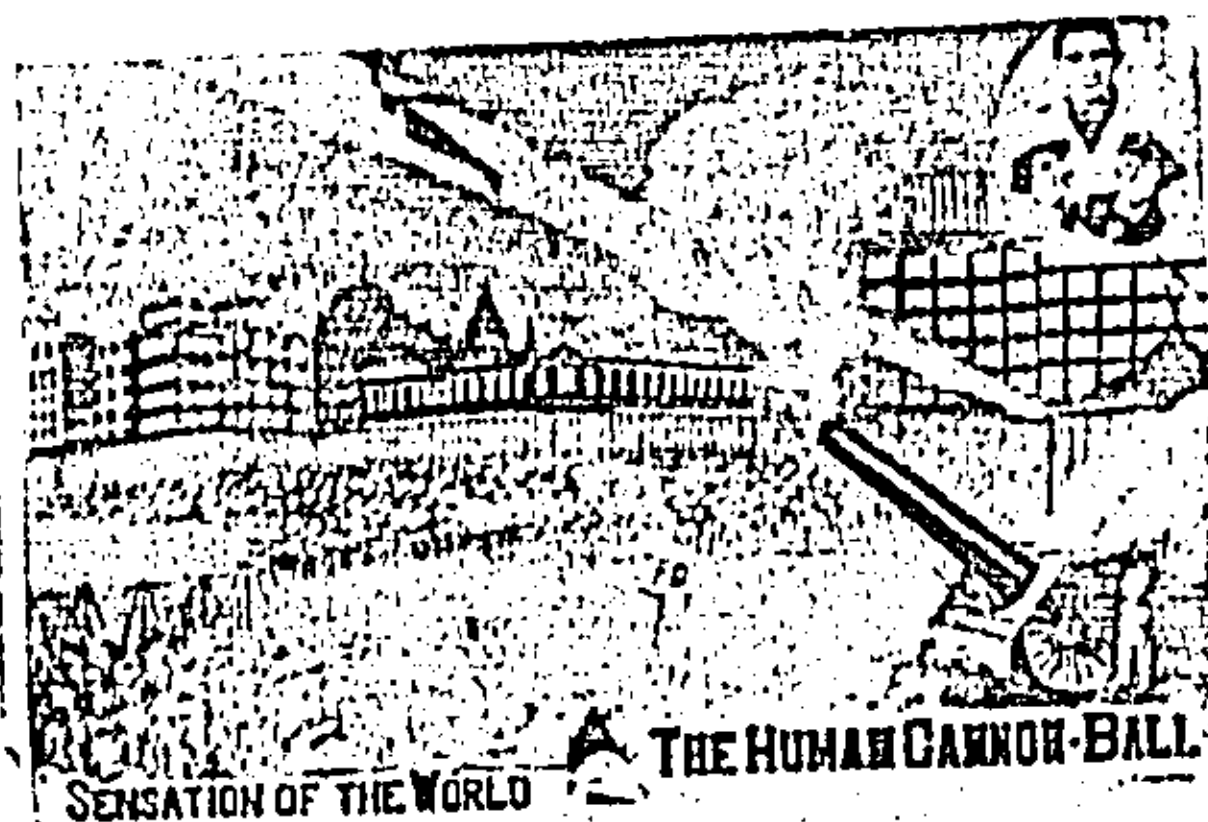
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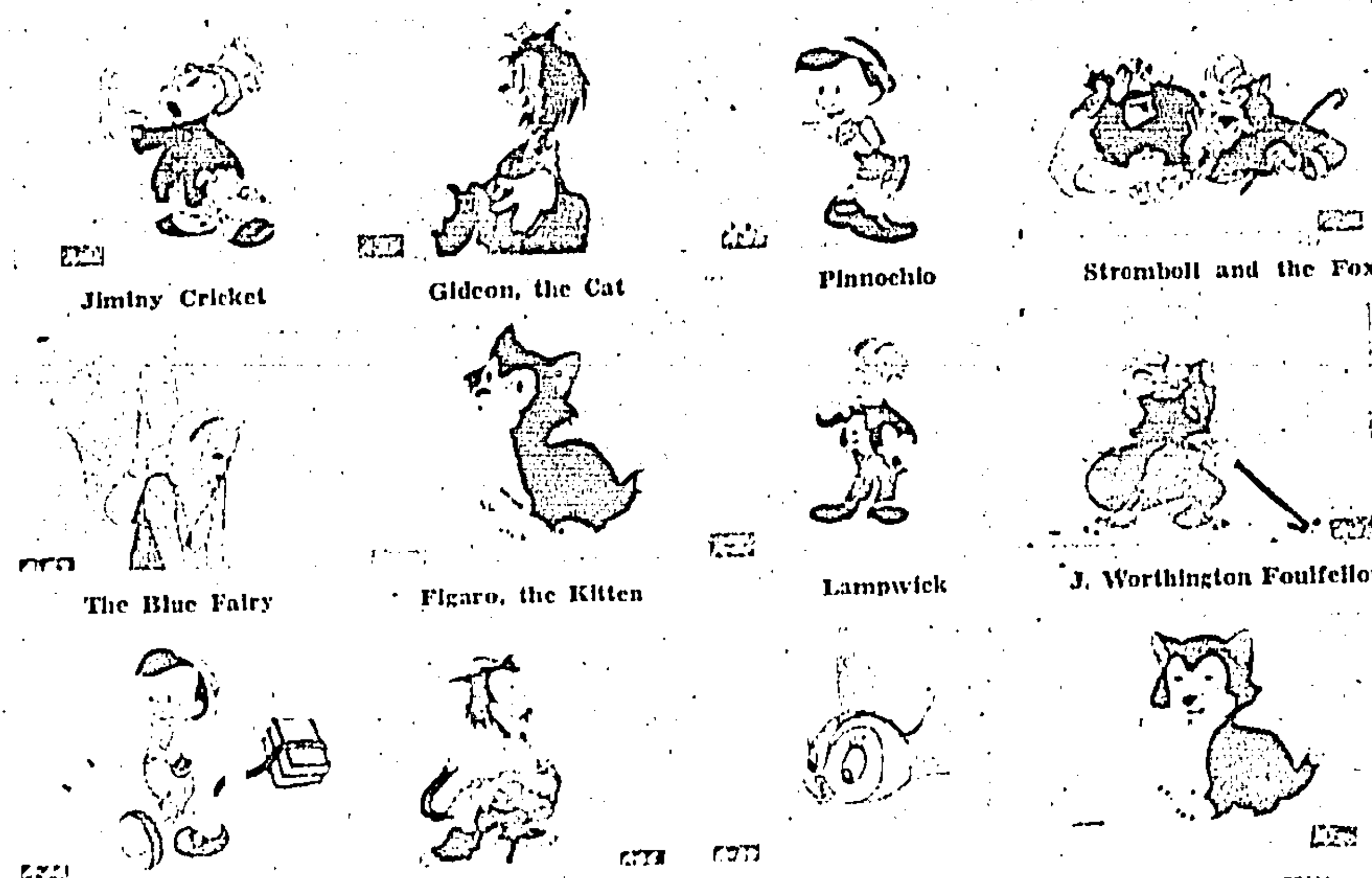
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Disney's 'Pinnochio'



Ever since Walt Disney released "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," two years ago, he and his thousand employees have been working on their second full-length feature. Now the 300,000 drawings for "Pinocchio" have been completed. The film will be shown in Hongkong some time in March.

The story of Pinocchio, the pinewood puppet who needed a conscience, was written by an Italian, C. Collodi, in the 1880's. It has become a children's classic around the world. In Disney's film, the "Dopey" who may steal the show from Pinocchio is "Jiminy," a cricket.

Mexican Dancers

By "Previewer"

When war was declared and panic seized Paris, Mimi and Jose, famous Mexican dancers and singers, decided to cancel all their engagements in Europe and return to the Far East.

THEY hurriedly packed Mimi's latest evening gowns and set off for Spain with one small case. Sixteen cases containing all their possessions were left behind in their hotel at Paris. They have since heard that the contents of their boxes have been stolen.

Journey From Paris

On reaching the Spanish-French border, Mimi developed throat trouble and they were held up for several days in a small town. Eventually, they made their way to Venice and, after several weeks of waiting, boarded a steamer which took them to Singapore. There they appeared for some weeks at the Raffles Hotel.

Last Saturday night, they made their debut at the Hongkong Hotel.

They intend to stay here for a month, leaving then for Manila and later for Colombo where they will appear during the Easter holiday season.

An attractive and likeable couple, Mimi and Jose have been entertainers for many years. Mimi a Dolores del Rio type of beauty, has travelled all over the world.

Four years ago, when visiting Manila, she met Jose who was then alone—his dancing partner having left to be married. They joined forces and have toured the world together.

Jose is an accomplished personage, too. As well as being an excellent pianist and dancer, he is a costume designer, a hat maker, a pharmacist and a good cook.

Their Hobby

Their work is dancing and singing but their hobby is physical culture.

"If we ever settle down," Mimi told me, "we will open a Physical Culture College. We are keenly interested in the subject having studied it intensively in Europe. We do not drink alcohol or smoke and all we think about is our health. We are also believers in nudism and hope some day to open a nudist colony. But that will have to be in a warmer climate than you have here," she concluded, laughing.



Mimi and Jose . . . their work is dancing and singing, their hobby is physical culture.

AT THE CINEMAS

Alhambra: "Newsboys' Home" (Edmund Lowe).
Oriental: "Eternally Yours" (Loretta Young, David Niven).
Majestic: "Keep Smiling" (Gracie Fields).
Queen's: "A Touchdown" (Joe E. Brown, Martha Raye).
King's: "The Real Glory" (Gary Cooper, Andrea Leeds).

So it's
not
adieu
to

RUMOURS about Greta Garbo retiring are as common as nuts in May.

Every time there is a big time-lapse between her pictures the story goes around that she is leaving Hollywood and the screen for ever.

Recently the old rumour raised its head again—and this time there seemed evidence to support it. But it isn't so. Certainly she's behind-hand with her work, but she is not through with the films.

Garbo makes two films a year. The first of the 1939 duo is "Ninotchka." It will be screened in Hongkong in March and the story goes that in it she scores one of the greatest successes of her career.

The second of the two has not yet been named. It was supposed to be "The Life of Madame Curie." That film may be postponed but it will not be abandoned.

If it is postponed she will star in another film so that there may be time for it to be put in shape.

Anna Neagle In Hollywood

ANNA Neagle, star of "Nurse Cavell," "Sixty Glorious Years" and "Victoria The Great," is at present in Hollywood where she is working at the RKO Radio Studios.

She is starring in musical comedy film, "Irene," with Herbert Wilcox directing.

The cast includes Ray Milland, Roland Young, May Robson, Arthur Treacher, Doris Nolan, Billie Burke and Isabel Jewell.

There was some talk that she would do a picture based on the life of the great comedienne, Marie Lloyd—maybe as a light relief from playing so many royal parts—but the idea was shelved.

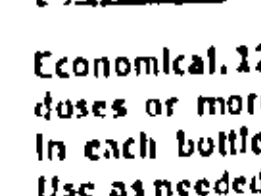


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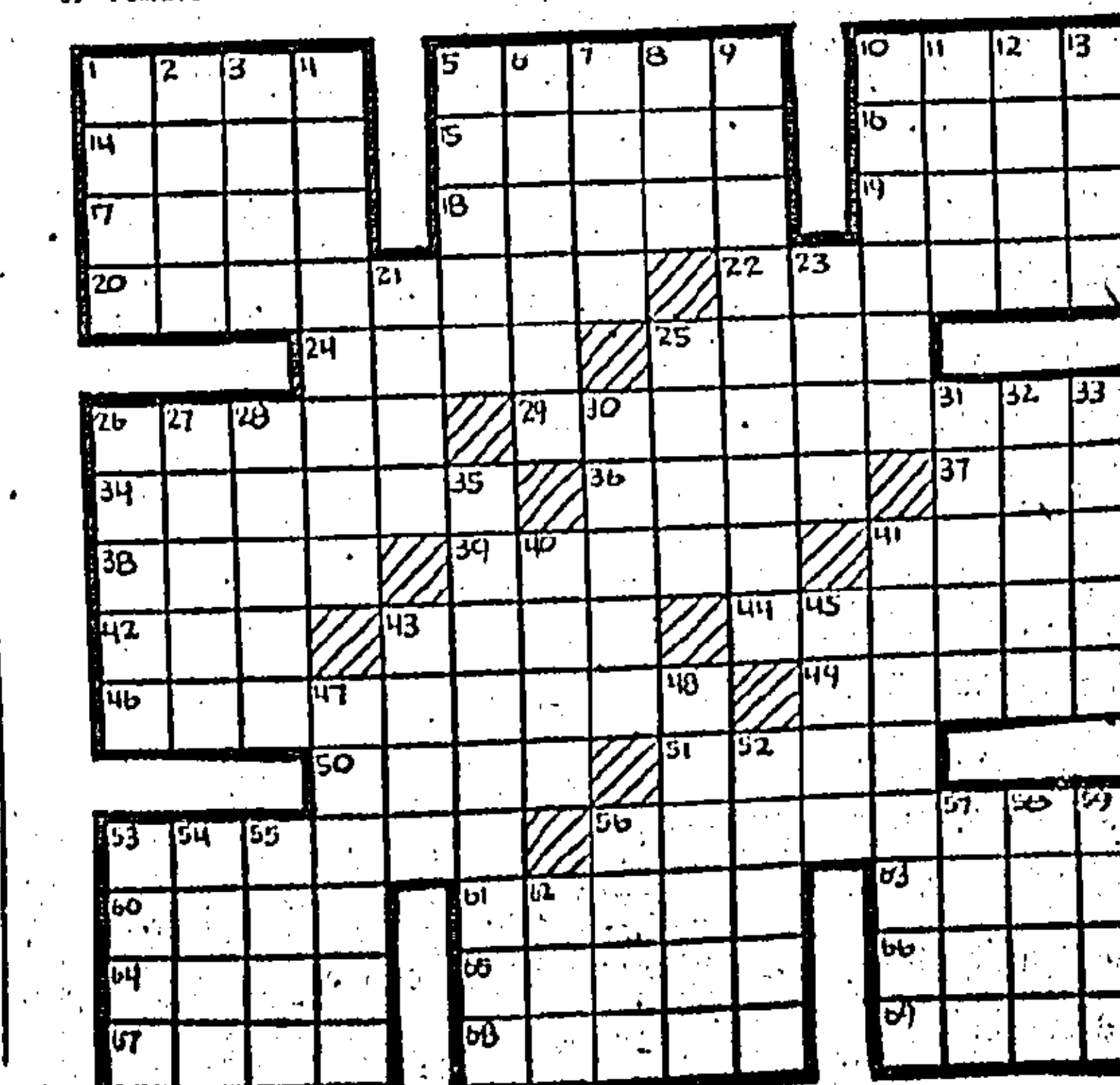
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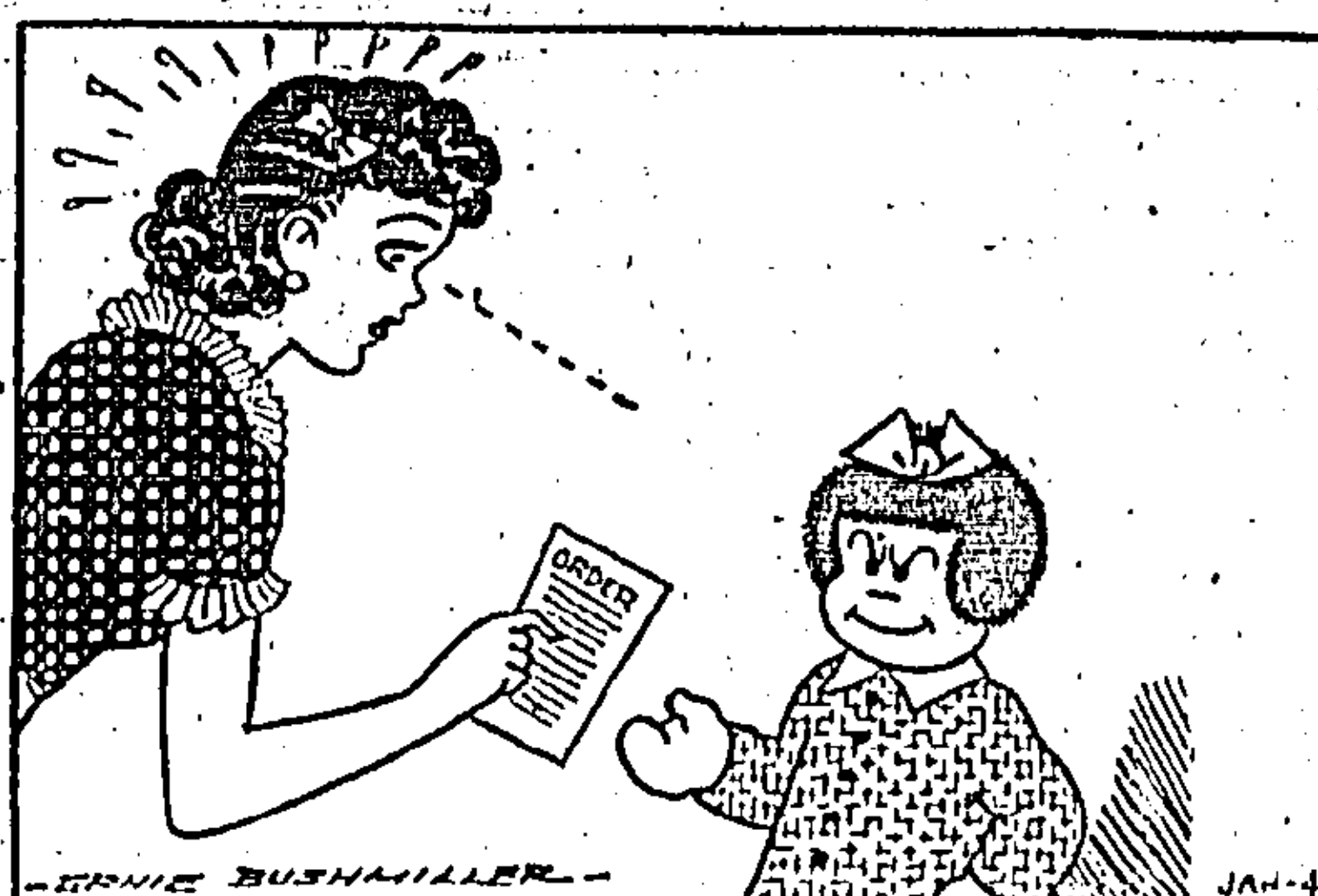
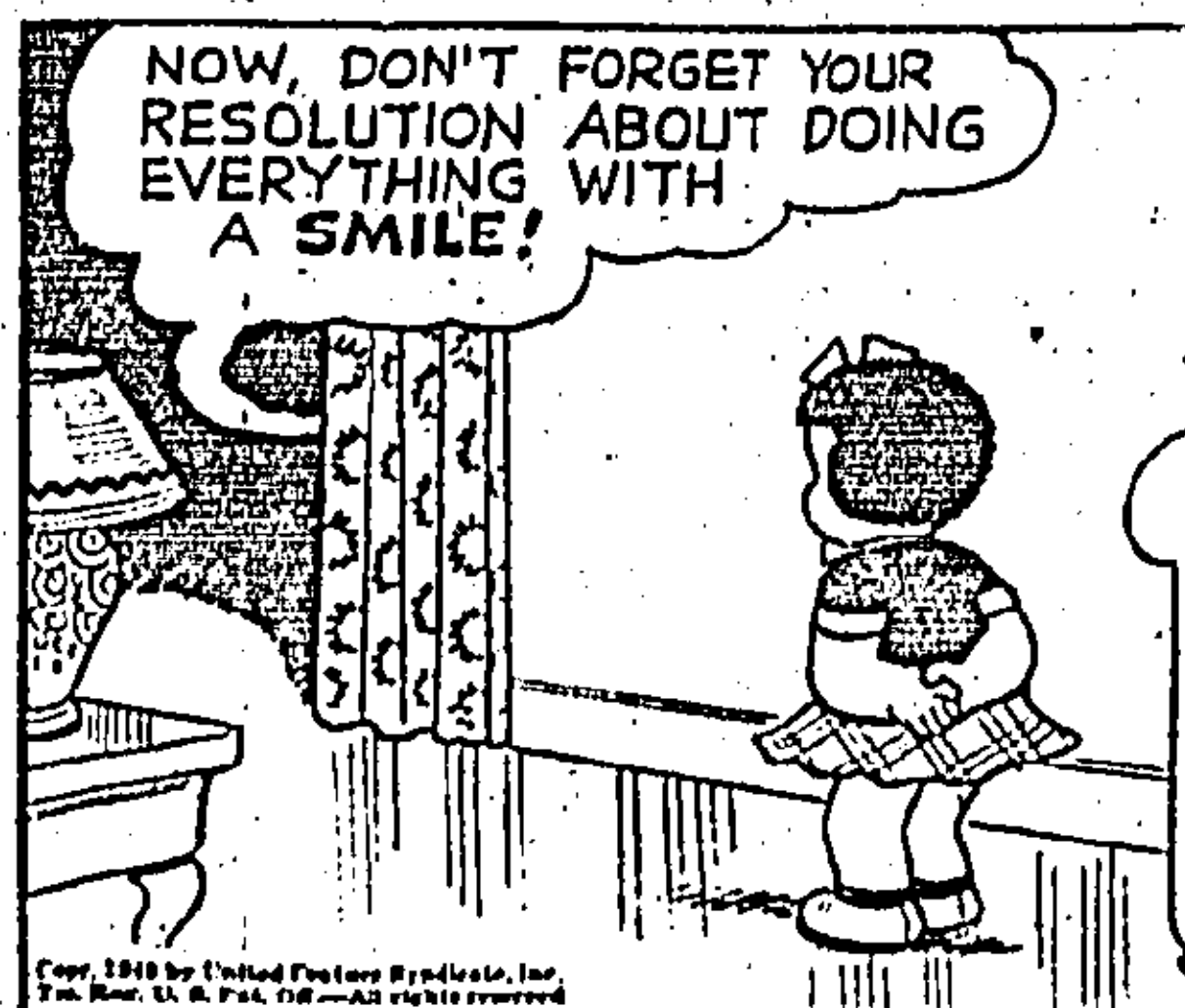
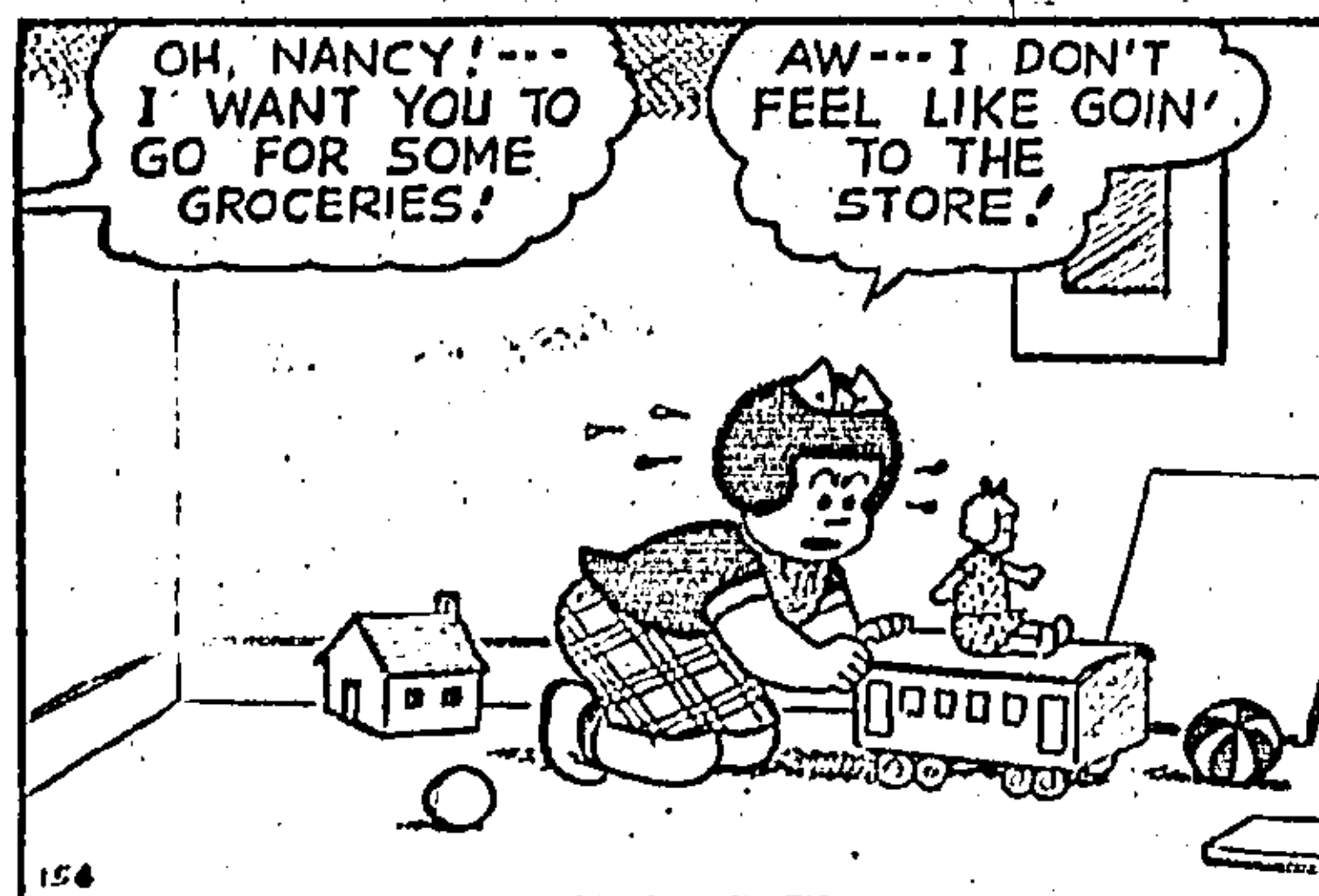
BY LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Winding band in bridge
2—Retaining to ends of earth
3—Spied on fishing rod
4—Lumber
5—Landscape from middle land
6—Journey
7—Clive forth
8—Piece of parlor furniture
9—Quality of sound
10—Wooden fortification
11—Makes speech
12—Mist
13—Above
14—Vegetable dish
15—Apparently favors both sides of
16—Tidy hosts about
17—Pipes
18—Fourth cliff
19—Red tower
20—Most northerly land (ancient geography)
21—Center of soul
22—Amount (abbr.)
23—Circles
24—Daughter of Peneus
25—Leaving no flavor
26—Takes off
27—Rare metals
28—Tandy
29—Bingo
30—Woman-like
31—Healthy state
32—Positive sulfate salts

DOWN
1—Device actuated by foot
2—Compounds of oxygen
3—Charged with electricity
4—Armful
5—Decoded
6—Held back
7—Little island
8—Third of prey
9—Confederate general (abbr.)
10—Faction
11—Narrative
12—Offered verbally
13—Star who ate too fat
14—Cage
15—Furniture
16—Sovereign
17—Turned tool
18—African antelope
19—Painter
20—Deedlock
21—Indies
22—Wedge-shaped
23—Italian town
24—Hammer, as bell
25—Heavy hammer
26—Noble
27—Water pitcher
28—No more than
29—Quill
30—Possessed with
31—Affection
32—Ancient Indian tribe
33—Rare wax
34—Anglo-Saxon scarf
35—Nothing



NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

NINOTCHKA

Three Russian agents sent to Paris to sell the jewels of the former Grand Duchess Swana, find their deal with Mercier, the jeweller, blocked, when Count Leon d'Algot presents himself as the agent of Duchess Swana, with an injunction against the sale of the jewels or their removal from France until a French court has heard the case. Count d'Algot, the lover of the Duchess, by means of champagne and a friendly manner, wins the confidence and liking of the Soviet agents, and he writes for them a telegram to the Commissar of the Board of Trade in Moscow suggesting a fifty-fifty split with Swana.

THE ENVOY

COMRADE IRANOFF was at the telephone when Comrade Buljanoff entered the Royal Suite two days later.

"You can't hurry such things, Leon. You must give Moscow a little time. Why don't you drop in later? . . . Au revoir."

"Mischa! Mischa!" cried Buljanoff excitedly. "Here's a telegram from Moscow! It must have been all day! It says: 'Halt negotiations immediately. Envoy Extraordinary arrives Thursday sixteen with full power. Your authority cancelled herewith. Razinin.'"

"This is Thursday!" exclaimed Iranoff.

"And it's six o'clock already!" said Iranoff.

"I always said it would be Siberia!" said Kapolski, entering the room. "Iranoff, tell the manager a Special Envoy is coming from Moscow and will occupy the Royal Suite and to move our things to the smallest room he's got. 'We'll have a taxi waiting in front.'"

The train had already arrived when they reached the station. Not knowing the name of the Envoy Extraordinary, they were trying to discover an authoritative, Russian-looking man among the scurrying passengers, when a woman with two suitcases addressed them.

"I am looking for Michael Simonovitch Iranoff," Iranoff acknowledged that he was the person she was looking for, and she continued: "I am Nina Ivanova Yakushova, Envoy Extraordinary, acting under direct orders of Comrade Commissar Razinin. Present me to your colleagues."

NERVOUS-

LY they shook her hand as Iranoff presented them, confused at finding the Special Envoy a woman, and fearful of what her instructions might be regarding them.

"What a charming idea for Moscow to surprise us with a lady comrade," said Iranoff.

"Don't make an issue of my womanhood. We are here for

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work. Let's not waste time. Shall we go?"

Nina Yakushova stooped to pick up her suitcases, and Iranoff hastily called for a porter. She refused to surrender them.

"Why should you carry other people's bags?" she asked the porter.

"Well, that's my business, Madame."

"That's no business. That's social injustice." She even refused to let Kapolski carry the bags.

"How are things in Moscow?" asked Buljanoff to make conversation.

"Very good. The last mass trials were a great success. There are going to be fewer but better Russians."

The three Russians glanced at each other in covert panic.

In spite of the new Envoy's being all for business, she stopped before a hat shop in the lobby of the Hotel Clarence.

"What's that?" she asked, indicating a hat.

"It's a hat, Comrade. A woman's hat," replied Kapolski.

"Tak, tak, how can such a civilisation survive which permits women to put things like that on their heads! It won't be long now, Comrades."

COMRADE Yakushova glanced around the enormous Royal Suite, and inquired seriously: "Which part of the room is mine?"

"You see . . ." began Iranoff diffidently. "It . . . it's different here. They don't rent a room in pieces. We had to take the whole suite."

"How much does this cost?"

"Two thousand francs."

"A week?"

"No, a day."

"A day! That is the price of a cow, Comrade Iranoff! If I stay here a week it will cost the Russian people seven cows! And who am I to cost the Russian people seven cows?"

"We had to take it on account of the safe," explained Buljanoff, visions of exile to Siberia in his mind's eye.

"I am ashamed to put the picture of Lenin in a room like this," said Ninotchka, nevertheless placing it on the desk. "Comrades, your telegram was received with great disfavour in Moscow."

"We did our best, Comrade," pleaded Kapolski.

"I hope so for your sakes. What did the lawyer say?"

"We didn't want to get mixed up with lawyers," said Buljanoff. "They are very expensive here."

"We dealt directly with the representative of the Grand Duchess. If we call him I am sure he will give you a very clear picture."

Comrade Ninotchka sat at the desk and drew a sheet of paper before her. "I shall not repeat your mistake. I will have no dealing with the Grand Duchess nor her representative." She began to write. "Comrade Buljanoff, do you spell your name with one or two 's'?"

"With two," stammered Buljanoff in fright.

"Comrades, I am not in a position to pass final judgment but at the best, you have been careless in your duty to the State. You were entrusted with more than a mere sale of jewellery. Our next year's crop is in danger and you know it. Unless we can get foreign currency to buy tractors there will not be enough bread for our people."

"We acted with the best intentions."

"We cannot feed the Russian people on your intentions. Fifty per cent. to a so-called Duchess! Half of every loaf of bread to our enemy! Comrade Kapolski, go at once to our Embassy and get the address of the best lawyer in Paris. You, Comrade Iranoff, go to the public library and get me the section of the Civil Code on property. Comrade Buljanoff, you might get me an accurate map of Paris. I want to use my spare time to inspect the public utilities and make a study of all outstanding technical achievements in the city."

SHE took a map of Paris from a suitcase and left them.

She was stepping off the safety safe in the middle of the street in front of the Hotel Clarence when the signal for street traffic to go was given. She stepped back on the safe of safety, just as did Count Leon d'Algot on his way to see the Soviet agents.

"You, please," Ninotchka addressed him impersonally. "Could you give me some information: how long do we have to wait here?"

"Well . . . oh, until the policeman whistles again."

"At what intervals does he whistle?"

"That's funny! I never gave it a thought before!"

"Have you never been caught in a similar situation?"

"Have I? Do you know, when I come to think about it, it's staggering. If I add it all up I must have spent years waiting for signals. Imagine! An important part of my life wasted between whistles!"

"In other words, you don't know."

"No."

SHE turned her attention away from him to the map in her hand.

"Can I help you?" asked Leon, deference in his voice.

"You might hold this map for me."

"I'd love to."

Ninotchka examined the map. "Correct me if I'm wrong—we are facing north, aren't we?"

"Facing north?" repeated Leon, bewildered. "I'd hate to commit myself without my compass. . . . Pardon me, are you an explorer?"

"No, I am looking for the Eiffel Tower."

"Is that thing lost again?" Listen if you are interested in a view—"I am interested in the Eiffel Tower from a technical standpoint."

"Technical? I couldn't help you from that angle. You see, a real Parisian only goes to the top of the tower in moments of despair to jump off."

"How long does it take a man to land?"

"Now that's too bad! The last time I jumped I forgot to clock."

THEY WED IN MISTAKE!

Lillian Lloyd nineteen, and Dennis Scott, twenty-three, both of Sunbury, Middlesex, were so excited when they obtained the consent of the Feltham magistrates to their marriage that Scott inadvertently arranged the wedding at a register office instead of a church.

So instead of walking to the altar of the local church that day, Lillian, in her full bridal dress and with bouquet, had to go to Staines Register Office to be married. Later they will be re-wed at a church.

"I got my wedding dress and made all arrangements for a wedding at a local church," she said. "I was amazed when a few days ago the registrar notified us that we were to be married at his office."

"My fiancé was so excited after the Court case that he misread the form about giving notice of marriage. But later we shall be re-married at the church."

At the police court, Mr. Lloyd, who lives at Yeovil, objected to his daughter's marriage on the grounds that she was too young, and that Scott would probably be called up for the Army and would have to leave her.

Let me see . . . Eiffel Tower . . . Your finger, please."

HE took her finger and pointed to the map with it.

"Why do you need my finger?" she asked skeptically.

"Bad manners to point with your own. Here; that's the Eiffel Tower."

"And where are we?"

"Here we are." He shifted her finger back to the hotel. "Here you are and here I am. Feel it?"

"I am interested only in the shortest distance between these two points. Must you flirt?"

"I don't have to, but I find it natural."

"Suppress it. For my information would you call your approach to me typical of the local morale?"

"Madame; it is the kind of approach which has made Paris what it is."

"I have heard of the arrogant male in Capitalistic society—" "A Russian! I love Russians! Comrade, I have been fascinated by your five year plan for the past fifteen years!"

"Your type will soon be extinct," she said, and left him as the traffic whistle blew.

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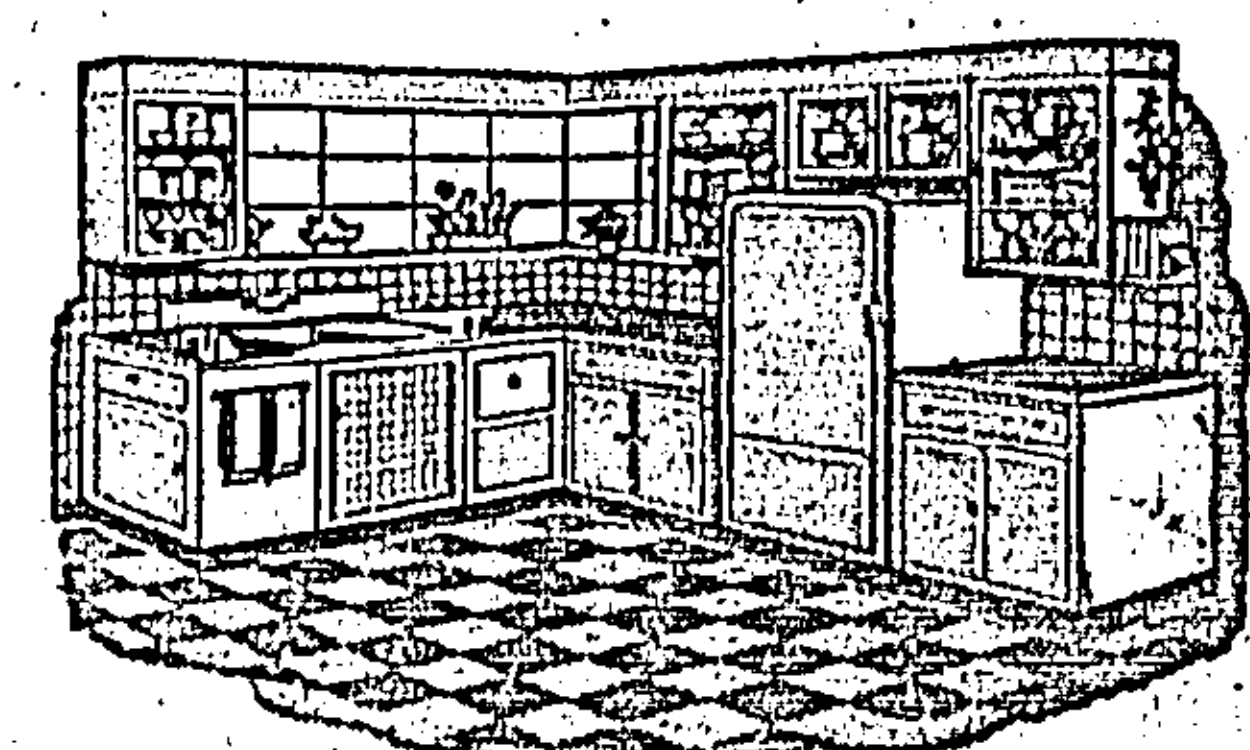
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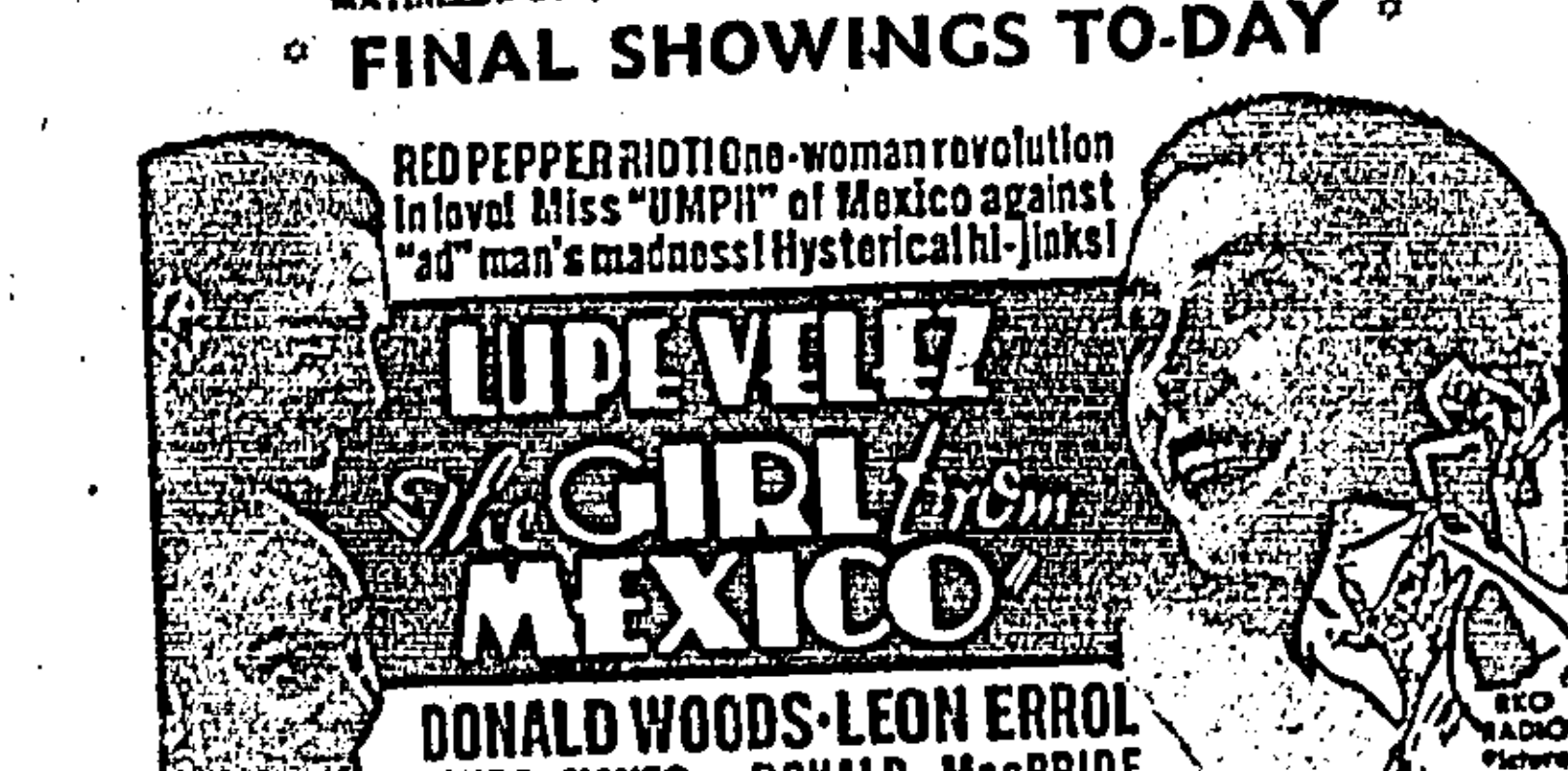


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Eight Days Adrift In Open Boat: Little Water

"WE told the U-boat commander we were a neutral ship bound for a neutral port.
"But it made no difference. He said he would still have to sink us."

In these words Peter Brons, a survivor of the Dutch steamer Sledrecht (5,133 tons) described the circumstances in which the ship was sunk.
After being adrift in an open boat in Atlantic storms for eight days, without food and very little water, five Dutch members of the crew were picked up and brought into a Scottish port late on Thursday night by a British trawler.
Twenty-seven members of the crew are still missing.

Given Half-Hour

Brons, of Vlaardingen, Holland, interviewed in hospital, said that on November 16 the Sledrecht was stopped in the Atlantic by a submarine, which ordered the captain to send over the ship's papers in a small boat for examination.
They launched the small boat, and Brons and four members of the crew rowed over to the submarine.

BIRTH

SALMOND.—To Isobel, wife of C. G. Salmon, of Eile Estate, Keggall, Ceylon, on January 14, 1940, a daughter.

After examining the ship's papers the submarine commander informed them that he would have to sink their ship and gave them half an hour to abandon her.
Brons then made the statement that the U-boat commander was told the ship was a neutral one bound for a neutral port, but replied he would still have to sink her.
"We then asked them if he would take us on board and transfer us to another ship, but he refused, saying that he had no room."

A Warning

"Before we returned to our ship he warned us that if we gave any distress signals he would sink us without any further notice.
"It took us nearly half an hour to return to the Sledrecht. As we approached we yelled to those on board that the ship was going to be sunk and to man the lifeboat."

"The other members of the crew immediately lowered the boat and scrambled in. Shortly afterwards the submarine fired and there was a terrific explosion.
"In the darkness we lost sight of the other boat."

"For days the weather was terrible and we were continually battling water out of the boat."

"On Wednesday, November 22, the weather improved slightly, and we made a sail out of two overcoats. That evening we saw the flash of a lighthouse and knew that at last we were near land."

"Then we sighted a trawler and yelled until her crew heard us and came to our rescue."

The owners of the Sledrecht stated that she was carrying petrol to Norway.

RANGOON RIOTS CONTINUE

RANGOON, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—Despite speeches made by responsible leaders, the Hindu-Muslim disturbances are continuing.

Up to the present, 12 lives have been lost and 600 arrests have been made.

Russian Defeats Not Decisive

THE Finns have given the Russians their third thrashing in three weeks.

The Russian 44th Division, marching on Suomussalmi in the "waist" of Finland to retrieve the disaster of their 166th Division last week, have been annihilated.

This defeat imposes a firm check for the moment on the Russian drive to cut Finland in half. But it cannot be regarded as a decisive turn in the general campaign. The Suomussalmi Front is only one of half a dozen.
Indeed, it would be more accurate to say that, apart from the two "Mannerheim lines" on the shores of Lake Ladoga, there are no real formed fronts in Finland. The other areas being contested by groups of more or less independent columns.

The Finns, who are mobile, are expert at this warfare. They can fall on the flank of individual forces where they could not breach an extended line.

The Russians, who are merely mechanised, are actually handicapped by their machines. Their tanks and armoured cars must be fed with petrol. That means a long supply column, excellent meat for the Finn guerrillas.

Another thing that Mannerheim is repeating from his old campaigns—he is equipping his troops with arms taken from the enemy. The 44th Red Division were pounded with artillery and raked with machine-guns taken from the luckless 163rd Red Division.

TRAWLERS WON'T FIGHT

WASHINGTON.—The United States Government would permit delivery of eight trawlers for use as French minesweepers, having been assured that their duties will be non-military.

The French Ambassador, Count de St. Quentin, gave formal assurance to the State Department that the trawlers, five of which have been held up by the Coast Guard, would not be put to beligerent use.

Neutrality law forbids export of vessels employed "to cruise or commit hostilities" against any power, but the State Department gave an informal opinion that mine sweeping trawlers were outside this category.
There had been some discussion of whether the United States might be liable to damage suits from Germany if the French used the ships to damage German property.

LATE NEWS

RESERVIST ON \$2,500 BAIL Serious Charge

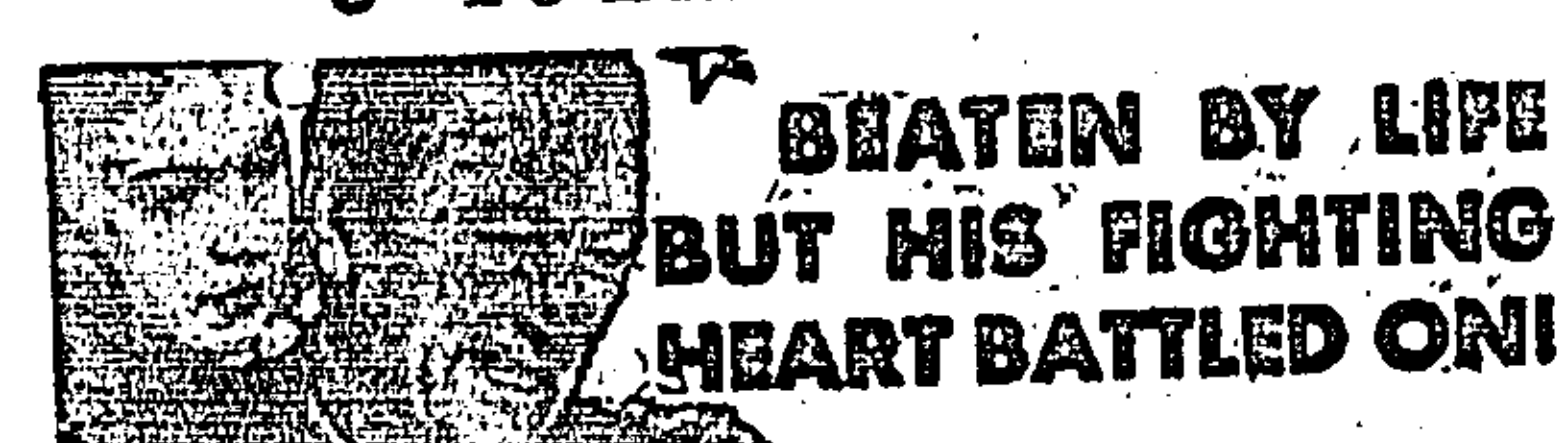
A POLICE RESERVIST appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning to face a charge of attempted extortion.

The Reservist, Ho So, aged 46, described additionally as a garage proprietor, was charged that, on January 29, he attempted with two other persons to extort the sum of \$1,000 from Chan Suk-tin.
He was represented by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Inspector Hopkins, who prosecuted, was granted a remand until Saturday.

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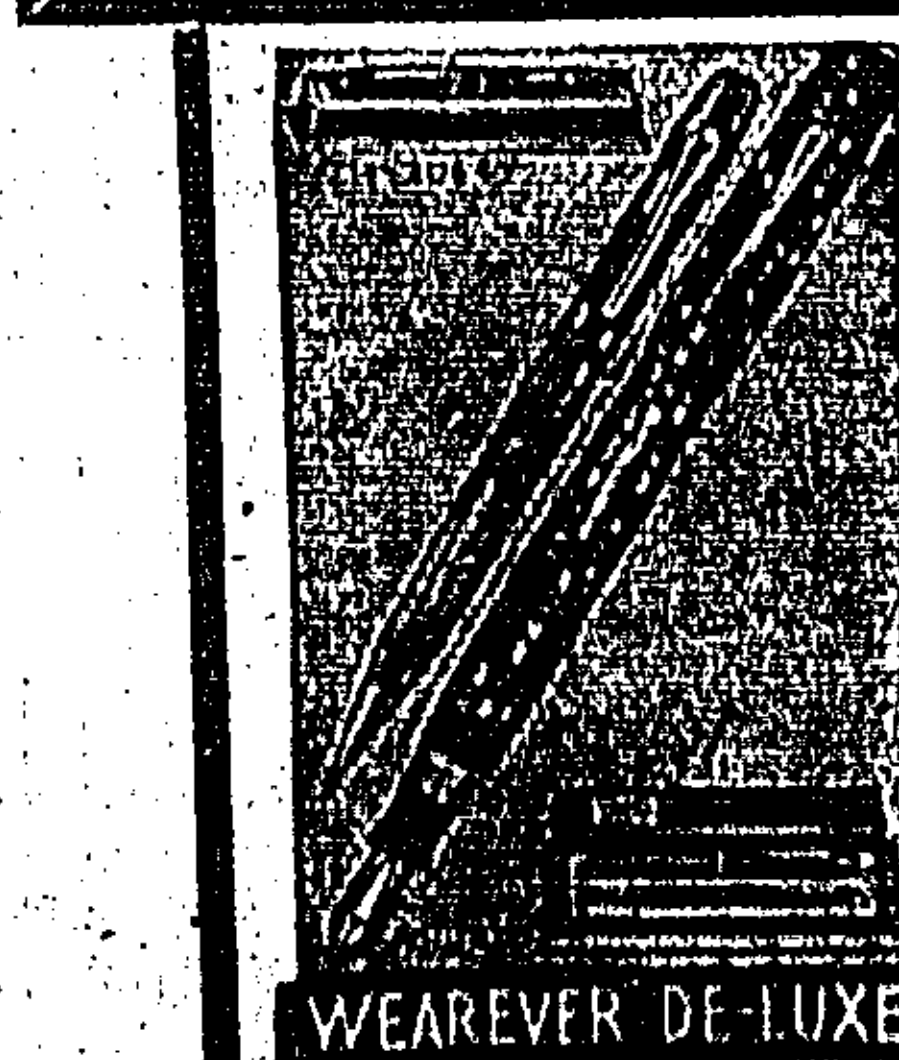
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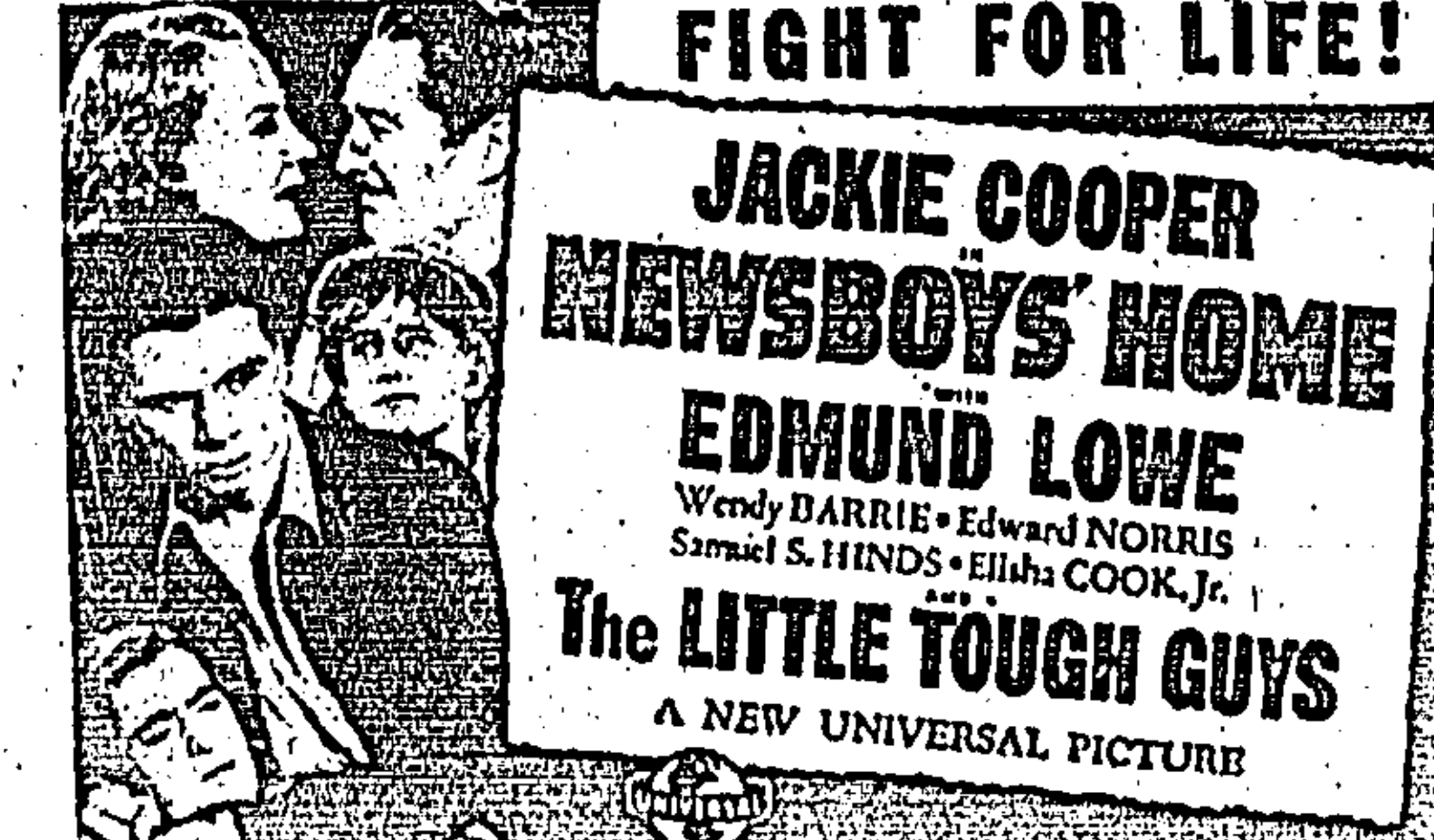
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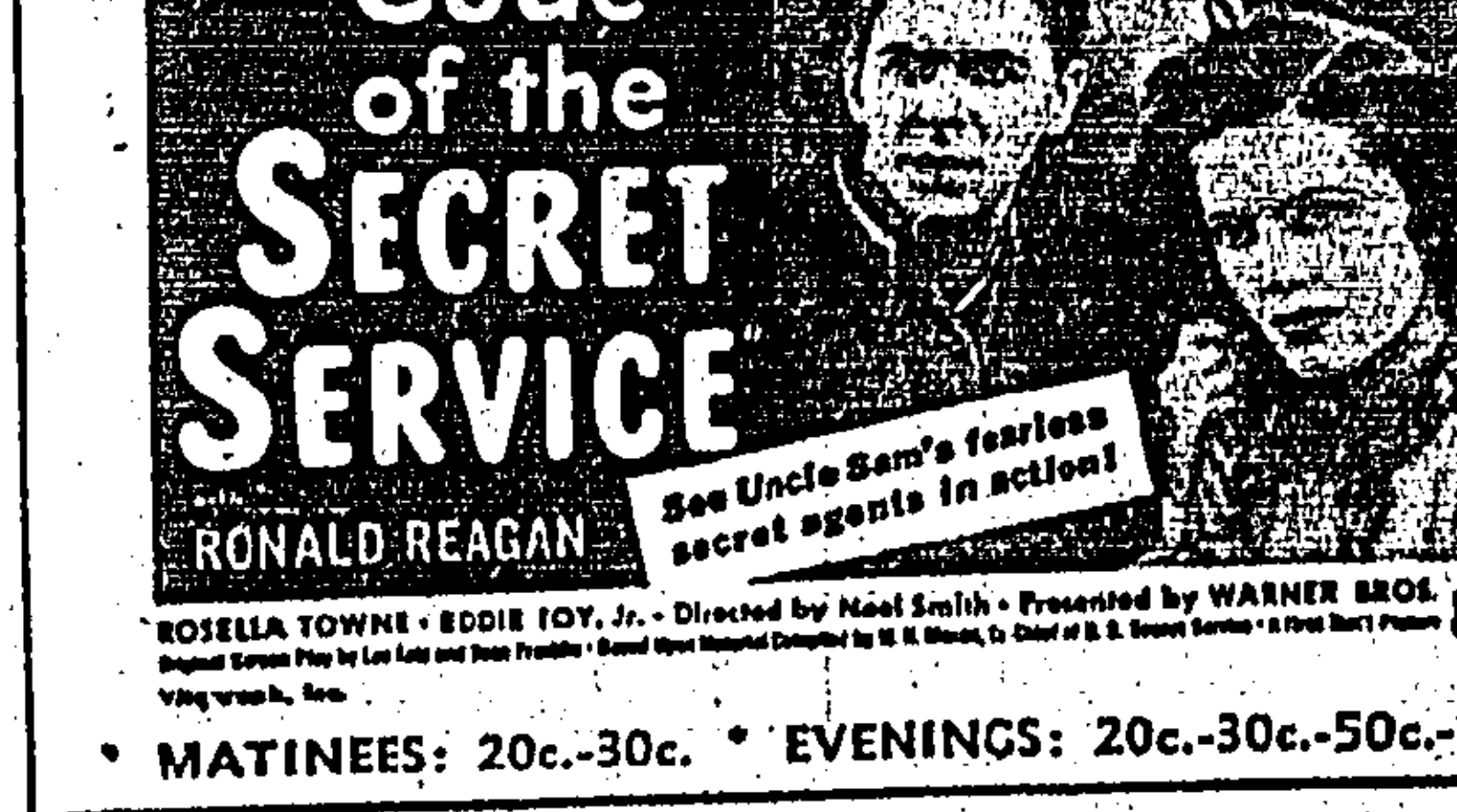
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MOSCOW ATTACK ON ITALIANS

MOSCOW, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—The Moscow newspapers make bitter attacks on Finland, Italy and the Allies.

ANTI-COMINTERN PACT REPORT

ROME, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—Although no official denial is obtainable, authoritative circles here deny the Japanese newspaper report that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, has suggested to Japan a fresh anti-Comintern Pact.

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THE WORDS OF ADOLF HITLER

1924—"Part of the secret of being believed lies in the size of your lie, since the broad masses of the people will more easily be taken in by a big lie than a small one."—From "Mein Kampf."

LAST NIGHT—"Britain has had 300 years of producing war aims, since she is the country which has waged most of the wars of the world. Germany cannot be beaten."

'YAH,' SHOUTS FUEHRER YES-MEN ECHO 'JA!'

BERLIN, JAN. 31 (UP).—SHRILL, AT TIMES SCREAMING, SLIPPING BACK INTO THE AUSTRIAN ACCENT HE HAS TRIED HARD TO UNLEARN, HERR HITLER, SPEAKING AT THE SPORTS PAVILION LAST NIGHT, DECLARED WAR ON BRITAIN FOR THE NTH TIME.

Shouting at the top of his voice, he launched vituperative attacks on Chamberlain and Churchill—arch-enemies of Nazi Germany.

"My confidence in our ultimate victory is supreme," he said. "Soon we shall speak in a language which the English will understand."

OBEDIENT CHEERS

Again and again, the Fuehrer abused Great Britain, British statesmen, British freedom, British culture. And again and again the Nazi comrades cheered obediently.

It was as though their leaders were screaming "Yah"—and they were saying "Ja" in chorus.

Some of the Fuehrer's choice observations are given below. Germany, which had fifteen years of opportunity to learn the democratic ideal in its pure form was the only logical successor to that "worm-eaten system."

Britain had issued "most marvellous war aims. Britain had had 300 years of producing war aims, since she was the country which waged most of the wars in the world."

"We have been promised a golden age by Britain a good many times before," he cried. "Chamberlain's worn-out records have been played too many times."

"These people will feel the full force of German might."

"France, too, will feel the power of Nazi arms."

Hitler promised continued friendship with Italy and the Soviet Union. "Our friendship with Russia has removed any fears of an attack on the Reich from the rear during the war," Hitler promised, and proceeded to forget that Russia also had treaties of Non-Aggression with Poland and Finland.

"Bible-Carrying Chamberlain"

This bible-carrying Chamberlain sought to reach an agreement with Hitler.

"Now, I understand, he is angry because I succeeded where he failed."

"I think God will be satisfied that a battle has been avoided on one big front."

"Germany and Russia have lived together in peace for years. This will continue to be the case."

"That murderer Churchill is now longing for the next phase in the war. When it comes he may not be in such a longing mood."

"No matter how many years this war lasts, Germany cannot be beaten."

Arrogant English

Britain, he claimed, had betrayed European progress.

"These arrogant English are pursuing their selfish aims."

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R.A.F. TRAP FOR NAZI RAIDERS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NAZI AIRMEN are concentrating all their savagery on British merchantmen and defenceless fishing craft in the latest phase of terrorist warfare, bombing and machine-gunning the unarmed crews.

Several ships were bombed and, in cases where the crews took to the boats, mercilessly machine-gunned by German war-planes off the east coasts of England and Scotland yesterday—The second day of the intensified attacks.

This new Nazi terror, directed indiscriminately at Allied and neutral ships alike, is a new phase in the German blockade campaign, following the submarine and mine drives, and means that the enemy air force has adopted the "totalitarian" warfare of the defeated U-Boat.

The German airmen show no mercy when their victims are unarmed, but flee as soon as R.A.F. machines enter the arena.

In not one instance have they offered to fight it out with the British planes.

Cross Dutch Territory

The Nazi planes, in order to reach England without being observed and reported to R.A.F. stations, are apparently freely flying over Dutch territory as they cross from Germany to the North Sea.

An official announcement from The Hague states that German planes flew over the north-east and central part of Holland yesterday.

Dutch anti-aircraft guns went into action and the Nazis were finally beaten off by Dutch pursuit planes, which took to the air after them.

The Netherlands is incensed at the continued deliberate violations of her territory by Nazi bombers, and it was officially announced last night that "steps were being taken in Berlin in connection with this violation of our neutrality."

Air Ministry Report

The Air Ministry tells the story of the second day's raids in these words: "For the second consecutive day, German aircraft carried out large scale air raids on British shipping off the eastern coast of England and Scotland on Tuesday."

A German plane bombed British merchantmen off Yarmouth, but was repulsed by British aircraft before it could do any great damage to the British ships."

Later, a second Air Ministry communiqué claims that a Heinkel bomber was trapped and shot down by R.A.F. units off the east coast during the afternoon.

Four steamers were the objects of the main attacks off the east and south-east coasts of England. R.A.F. pursuit units were over the North Sea all day in response to several S.O.S. units.

Among the ships attacked was the small coastal vessel Jersey Queen.

Surprise For Raiders

The German raiders received a surprise when they attacked shipping along 500 miles of the British coast. Owing to Europe being in the grip of the most severe winter in 40 years, the German Air Staff no doubt assumed that British fighter force would be immobilised.

But from Aberdeen to the English coast, Fighter Command patrols were ready to drive off the German raiders, 20 of which flew towards the coast, looking for unarmoured British and neutral merchant ships.

Convoy Beat Off Attacks

A number of merchant vessels and lightships were attacked. Some of these were in convoy and the naval forces were in the area.

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FINNS NOT AFRAID

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (UP).—The news of yesterday's air casualties has not frightened the Finns although it is stressed that the need of adequate armament with which to combat the invaders is more urgent than ever.

A Finnish air expert said: "I am sure that if we could get a fair number of new fighter planes, the Russian aviators could never repeat yesterday's feats."

The damage done to property at Turku yesterday was the heaviest of the war with the exception of the bombing of Finland on November 30 when 55 were killed and 86 wounded.

Heaviest Red Raids of War

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—All through the night further reports of yesterday's air raids poured into Helsingfors from all over southern Finland. To TH

into Helsingfors from all over southern Finland.

Right along the coast from Viborg on the east and Abo on the west come fresh revelations of horror and destruction, marking what may prove to be Finland's worst day of air-raids to date.

Nothing seems to have been spared. In addition to towns and villages, isolated farms, and "vacant" homes were ruthlessly attacked.

It is announced that between January 21 and 27, some 3,000 bombs fell in Finland, killing 24 and wounding 50 in 49 different localities, the objectives including two hospitals.

It is stated that 1,250 Russians were killed at the front last Sunday.

Soviet Attacks Weaken

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Soviet attacks on the north-east of Lake Ladoga are becoming fewer and weaker.

Fighting is still centred in four major points, but the Finns are in possession of strong positions and can launch successful counter-attacks.

Deep snow is restricting the movements of the Soviet tanks.

The Finnish fort on Mantees Island near the north-east shore of Lake Ladoga has been shelled by the Russian rear lines.

The Soviet Army tried to capture the fort and several hundred soldiers were killed yesterday on the frozen lake.

The vital importance of personal initiative was emphasised by Marshal Mannerheim when he presented awards to-day to 2,500 Finnish soldiers.

Russian Attacks Repulsed

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that a few enemy attacks to the north-east of Lake Ladoga have been repulsed resulting in heavy enemy casualties and the destruction of two Russian tanks.

The Red Navy, supported by aircraft artillery, attacked Mantees Fort but were repulsed.

On the Karelian Isthmus, the Finnish Coastal Force defended against several enemy batteries.

It is estimated that 200 enemy planes flew over Finland yesterday in the Abo Hangö Tammerlahti district. Pernajä, two coast towns on the Gulf of Bothnia and a hospital were bombed while the Nurmee district was bombed several times.

21 Planes Brought Down

According to reports received up to now, more than 30 civilians were killed and about 50 wounded in yesterday's raids.

The Finnish aircraft bombed a certain harbour and the vessels lying there, enemy motor-vehicles, transport columns, troops quarters and railway stations.

It is claimed that 21 enemy planes were shot down with the loss of only one Finnish plane.

The Russians did not break through in the north-east of Lake Ladoga as reported this morning.

They are moving forward, but the Finns are resisting.

Japanese Consuls Get Together

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—Japanese Consuls throughout China are arriving for to-morrow's opening of the two-day conference called by Mr. Kato, Minister-at-Large. The head of the Foreign Office, China Affairs Bureau, Mr. Akiyoshi Taljiri, arrived by plane from Tokyo yesterday.

It is unofficially stated that the conference will discuss means of improving relations with third Power nationals in China.

Asama Maru Talks Resume

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 30 (Domei).

"The second interview between Mr. Arita, the Foreign Minister, and Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, regarding the Asama Maru affair was held at the Foreign Minister's official residence at 7 p.m."

It was understood that Sir Robert received fresh instructions from London this afternoon and immediately sought an interview with Mr. Arita.

Though there is no prospect in sight of a settlement, it is understood that the Foreign Minister is seeking a settlement on the basis of a political consideration on the part of the British side.

Mr. Arita will emphasize the validity of the Japanese views and ask the British Ambassador to co-operate in effecting an amicable settlement by giving "political consideration" to the Japanese claims.

The meeting between Mr. Arita and Sir Robert is generally believed to spell the fate of the outstanding issue.

Britain insists on its interpretations of International Law and the London Declaration, and refuses to comply with the request for the release of the German prisoners or to modify its own claims under International Law.

The British reply expressed readiness to consult about future guarantees.

London Talks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Domei).—In

concert with the conversations in Tokyo between Mr. Arita, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, Mr. M. Shigemitsu, the Japanese Ambassador, this afternoon called on Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, this afternoon to discuss the Asama Maru affair.

LATEST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

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cording to reliable information, the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Seeds, is to be recalled home in February.

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Horror Upon Horror

Nazis Slay Polish Children

London, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—

"Executions are going on all over Poland at great speed," declared Paris radio to-day.

Stating that the Nazis have speeded up the mass expulsion of the Poles from German-occupied Poland, the announcer added: "In spite of the bitter cold, thousands of people are being loaded into trains."

"They are not allowed to take food with them and are thus virtually condemned to death."

"In a wagon which was transporting children from Poznan, 30 children were found dead when the train reached its destination."



Army's First Casualty List

East Lanes. Captain Among The Dead

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 30 (UP).—

The War Office to-day issued the first casualty list of war losses up to December 31, which total 758 names.

Officers killed at sea aboard the Yorkshire (which was torpedoed en route from the Far East to England) numbered three.

Fifty-eight other officers died in the course of their duty.

Among the N.C.O.s and men, five are reported to have been killed in action, five were killed at sea aboard the Yorkshire, one died from wounds, 24 are wounded, one aboard the Yorkshire missing at sea, and a total of 691 killed.

Aboard the Yorkshire the following men were killed:

Captain F. W. Beer of the 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire

Lieut. Col. W. L. E. Reynolds, R.A.M.C.

Lieut. Col. H. Cornford, R.A.O.C.

Lieut. Col. W. G. Allaway, Royal Tank Regiment

Lieut. Col. A. E. Bond, Royal Norfolk

Lieut. Col. D. E. Handy of the Gloucestershire

Lieut. Col. J. Brownhill, King's Own

Lieut. Col. W. Bradley, R.A.M.C.

Among the missing from the Yorkshire is listed Warrant Officer A. C. Barber of the Army Educational Corps.

Three Women Casualties

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The

War Office has issued the first casualty list of the present war up to December 31 which comprises 758 names.

Of these, 710 died, one died of wounds, 24 were wounded, one is missing and 13 were killed.

The deaths included three women, of whom one was a nurse and the others members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

The names of those killed include three officers, five non-commissioned officers and men and one missing, all of whom were aboard the Yorkshire when she was sunk in the Atlantic.

The names of 57 officers appear under the heading of "Died."

Among those named in the death-roll are 67 Royal Corps Signals, 150

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European Lady Fights With Armed Intruder

WHEN A Chinese intruder in the Warrant Officers quarters at Scandal Point drew a 22 automatic pistol, Mrs. A. M. Estall wife of Sergeant Major Estall, seized his arm as a shot was fired.

Fortunately the bullet was deflected into the floor.

On Monday at 10 a.m. a young Chinese dressed in European clothes entered the amah's room. When asked what he was doing there he said he was looking for his mother.

Searching the intruder's pocket, Mrs. Estall found a silver chain and two medallions which had been taken from the amah's room. Sending her 14-year-old daughter to get assistance from the military barracks outside and saying that she had sent for the Police, Mrs. Estall was confronted by the intruder.

While Mrs. Estall was recovering from shock, the man escaped. An alarm was raised and several soldiers rushed him uphill. Wearing light rubber-soled shoes, he was drawing away from his pursuers in heavy

LIGHTSHIP MASSACRE

Hitler Boasts Of This

Type Of Warfare

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—

The full story of a German bomber's attack upon a defenceless lightship in which seven of his comrades perished when within a short distance of safety was told by the sole survivor of the crew of an East Dudgeon (No. 61) light vessel who was washed ashore on the east coast early to-day.

Having sprayed the lightship's decks with machine-gun bullets and dropped bombs, the last of which hit the vessel, the raider made off, the crew of eight having taken to a small boat.

Seventeen hours later, the stricken crew heard breakers on the English coast but only two were strong enough to row, and only one had the strength to struggle ashore.

Later the bodies of the seven others with the overturned boat were found on the beach.

Ebbing Strength

The survivor summoned his remaining strength, crawled over the sandhills to a house, forced the door and found blankets in which he wrapped himself. He was discovered several hours later, his hands still numb with cold and suffering from exhaustion, but sufficiently recovered to tell the story.

Played Hide And Seek

The Heinkel bomber swooped down on a patrol vessel in the roadsteads which began to zigzag.

Two bombs were apparently dropped, water was thrown up but the ship did not appear to be damaged and continued as the plane made off.

The plane appeared to be playing hide and seek in the clouds with R.A.F. planes which had earlier driven off another big grey plane. After they had chased the first one out to sea, the other appeared further south.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight to-morrow, and Friday.

Firing Area 'E' will be affected.

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A list of prohibited articles may be seen at the General Post Office.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mails are sent 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 24th January.
Jan. 31.
Bangkok and Tourane Jan. 31.
Japan and Shanghai Jan. 31.
Java and Manila Jan. 31.
Shanghai Feb. 1.
Canton Feb. 1.
Japan Feb. 1.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow Feb. 1.
Straits and Saigon Feb. 1.
Haliphong Feb. 2.
Calcutta and Straits Feb. 2.
Haliphong, Hoihow and Fort Bayard Feb. 2.
Canton Feb. 3.
Japan and Shanghai Feb. 3.
Sagakan Feb. 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 12th January) Feb. 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 4th January) Feb. 3.
Shanghai Feb. 3.
Shanghai and Amoy Feb. 4.

OUTWARD MAILS
Wednesday, Jan. 31.
Fort Bayard 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Bombay, Aden, Malta and London Parcels only—due London, 12th March.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels Jan. 31, Noon.
Reg. Jan. 31, 1.45 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa via Durban 3.30 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th February.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 31, 3.45 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Hongkong and Calcutta 5 p.m.
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 8th February.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O. Jan. 31, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 1

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Canton 7.15 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haliphong 7.30 a.m.
Shanghai 7.30 a.m.
Amoy 7.30 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 10th February.

K.P.O. and G.P.O.
Parcels Feb. 1, 5 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 2, 8.45 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 2, 9.30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 2

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Amoy and Shanghai 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard 2.30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Tourane 8.30 a.m.
Saigon 10.30 a.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only) 2.30 p.m.
Amoy 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai 2.30 p.m.
Airmail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 11th Feb.

G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 3, 5.30 p.m.
Straits 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcels—due London, 26th March.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors:

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be closed from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 15th February, 1940, at 11.00 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 3rd, February to Thursday, 15th, February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1940.

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"THUMBS UP". Say these smiling R.A.F. men, who have just returned from a recent attack on the Nazi base at Heligoland.—Domei.

R.A.F. TRAP FOR NAZI RAIDERS

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escorts drove off the enemy with anti-aircraft fire. From a North of England fighter station, two pilots went off at mid-day and in spite of poor visibility, brought down a Heinkel bomber which had been trying to destroy a helpless fishing boat. Almost at the same time, another Heinkel was intercepted by fighters off the Fifth of Forth as it was trying to bomb a merchant ship. One of the fighters fired a burst of bullets and put the German rear runner out of action before the Heinkel dived into the cloud.

Shetland Raids. A Failure

Three German warplanes dropped 12 bombs but all fell into the sea, states the latest reports from the Shetlands which were unsuccessfully attacked on Monday.

There were three attacks, each made by one machine. The enemy encountered a terrific barrage from land and sea A.A. guns. This is how the official D.N.B. (quoted by "Reuters") describes the North Sea battles.

"While on the western front there is only weak isolated artillery fire with no particular effects; the German air force has struck courageous blows with bombers against British outposts, boats and armed merchantmen."

"The Germans extended their reconnaissance from the south-west coast of England to Scotland. Despite bad weather, which greatly increased the difficulties of the fliers, German planes attacked a convoy of armed merchantmen and advanced posts and bombed the entire length of the British east coast. (Messages from U.P., Domei and Reuters).

Attacks Repeated

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—Nazi aircraft to-day repeated the attacks they made on Monday on British and neutral shipping in British waters.

On Monday, with bombs and machine-guns they attacked ten merchant ships which have so far been reported lost. The Jersey Queen, a small ship less than 1,000 tons, whose S.O.S. was heard by radio sets ashore. She reported that another ship was being attacked nearby.

A life-boat was put out to the rescue.

Latvian Ship Beached

One of the ten merchant ships was the Tautilla, a Latvian vessel of 3,700 tons, which was beached. A member of the crew who walked ashore from the beached ship said that he had been knocked out during the attack and when he came to, he found himself alone.

Sixteen members of the crew have been landed by life-boat but it is feared that seven or eight are missing. Six bombs were dropped. Only one British ship, the Eston of 1,400 tons, was sunk yesterday.

Trawlers Machine-Gunned

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—It is now revealed that several Grimsby trawlers were machine-gunned and bombed by German planes yesterday. None of the trawlers was lost.

The skipper and mate of one of the trawlers were killed by machine-gun fire.

The sound of explosions of gunfire were heard 5 p.m. in Great Yarmouth due to an attack made by a German plane on a British trawler. The trawler fired back and drove off the plane, later making her way safely and undamaged into the harbour.

Nazi Plane Downed

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—The Air Ministry announces that an enemy aircraft was shot down by a Royal Air Force fighter command aircraft off the East Coast early this afternoon.

"Reuters" is authoritatively informed that the plane was shot down off the coast of Northumberland.

RUSSIA STOPS U.S. RELIEF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—Mr. Cordell Hull in a letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, repeats today that he has been informed that relief agencies have been denied access to Russian-occupied Poland.

Mr. Hull adds that the American Red Cross is working in association with the German Red Cross in German-occupied Poland.

NEUTRAL LOSSES

Hitler's Success Is With Non-Combatants

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 31 (UP).—In addition to the three neutral ships already sunk by the combined Nazi air, submarine and mine warfare—they were the 2,767-ton England, (Danish), the 2,767-ton Faro (Norwegian) and the 1,591-ton Hoesanger (Norwegian)—another two neutral losses are reported.

Ten Norwegian and one Latvian members of the crew of the 1,300-ton Norwegian steamer Gudveig are missing. Thirty survivors were saved in the last stages of exhaustion.

Acute Hardships

In all these instances, the neutral ships were sunk without warning, and in conditions which gave the crews virtually no chance of surviving.

Survivors who were able to reach shore suffered the most acute hardships in the bitter winter conditions prevailing in the North Sea.

As compared with the heavy neutral losses, the Germans succeeded in sinking only one British ship last week. This was the 1,923-ton Baltanga.

France lost two ships, the 2,769-ton Tournay and the 3,810-ton Alsace.

Neutral Losses

In addition to the neutral losses already notified, the following have been sunk:

SWEDEN

1,301-ton Foxen

1,185-ton Fina

1,040-ton Getha

NORWAY

2,589-ton Sonja

2,434-ton Sydold

1,598-ton Pluto

1,572-ton Blaritz

1,330-ton Gudveig

1,591-ton Hoesanger

10,517-ton Tanker Denmark

2,310-ton England

LATVIA

4,434-ton Everen

1,333-ton Onto

The Danish tanker Denmark is well-known in Hongkong.

ARMY'S FIRST CASUALTY LIST

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Royal Artillery and over 70 Royal Engineers.

The casualty list includes the names of several members of the Home Service Defence Force.

Policy for Issuing Casualty Lists

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—Asking what policy it was proposed to follow regarding the publication of casualty lists, the Secretary for War (Mr. Oliver Stanley) in the House of Commons to-day said that the urgency of publication would depend upon the numbers of casualties.

The lists would be of arbitrary length, covering casualties in all theatres of active operations. They would not refer to any particular engagements.

Casualties would be published under three general headings, "Killed, Wounded and Missing."

Usually no indication would be given of the precise date and circumstances in which a casualty occurred. No casualty was published until the next-of-kin was informed.

The first list would be published to-morrow.

Big Toll From Accidents

The list of deaths from accidents and disease may seem a long one, but having regard to the large number of personnel serving and the period covered by the list, the number of such deaths was not larger than to be expected in the circumstances.

There had been no undue number of deaths from disease although there had been a regrettable number from traffic accidents.

Mr. Stanley believed that the House would appreciate that there was a strict limit to the amount of detail that could be disclosed in the casualty lists without giving useful information to the enemy, and he hoped that this would be borne in mind if the lists did not appear to be as informative as the member wished.

It is pointed out that 710 died on active service from accident or disease and that only 40 British soldiers were killed or wounded in action.

News Guide

BERNARD MOORE, whose picture guides to countries and places in the news were one of the most popular and instructive features of a leading London daily. In the crisis days before war began, he is going to write regularly for the "Telegraph" a guide to the foreign news. He has an expert knowledge of international affairs and during many years as "Daily Herald" correspondent in Geneva made personal contact with most of the world's leading statesmen. He will expand and explain the news, tell you something about the places where it is happening, the men involved in it and what it means to you.

By Bernard Moore

Tug-of-War Over Balkans

The formation of a larger Balkan good reason to remember Litvinov, neutral defensive peace bloc now fallen from power. It was he who dominated political and diplomatic interests in Bucharest.

Italy and Turkey are expected to begin negotiations designed to improve their relations, which may lead to a non-aggression pact.

THESE and many other messages indicate the intense diplomatic activity now going on in South-Eastern Europe.

The former struggle between Britain and Germany over economic and political interests in the Balkans appears to have become one between Soviet Russia and Italy.

Signor Gaydi, Mussolini's mouthpiece, made Italy's position clear a week ago when he wrote: "Russia has assigned herself the mission of guardian of the Balkans and the Danube. But Mussolini's Italy and not Communist Russia has assumed this mission."

And, so far, the Balkan States are definitely leaning towards Italy. The Balkan Entente, at present, consists of Turkey, Rumania, Greece and Yugoslavia, comprising over half a million square miles of South-East Europe. Outside the Entente are Bulgaria and Hungary, both considerably reduced in size following the Great War.

Turkey's Foreign Minister, M. Sarajolu, is expected to mediate in the settlement of outstanding questions between Bulgaria and Rumania.

CHIEF problem between Rumania and Bulgaria is over the Dobruja, territory on the Black Sea which was latter lost in the second Balkan War in 1913. If this question could be settled Bulgaria would probably join the Balkan Entente.

Hungary lost territory to Rumania and Yugoslavia by the Peace Treaties, and has, therefore, kept out of the Entente, too. Now, German pressure and Russia's new proximity is inducing a different attitude.

All the indications are that if the Balkan Entente is to be increased in size it will be under the sponsorship of Italy and designed to prevent the extension of Russian influence along the Black Sea coast.

The Rumanian Ambassador to Ankara, who has paid a flying visit to Bucharest, has returned to the Turkish capital. Great attention is paid here to the fact that he made a big detour and stopped in Sofia, Capital of Bulgaria, for 12 hours.

HERE is more evidence of negotiations between Rumania and Bulgaria. The direct journey from Bucharest to Ankara covers some 600 miles; via Sofia it is nearly 1,000. No confirmation is obtainable, says our correspondent, that the Ambassador met Bulgarian statesmen in Sofia, but this is clearly the only explanation for his roundabout trip.

And our correspondent confirms that the Ambassador's return marks the beginning of intense diplomatic activity over the Balkan situation.

Maxim Litvinov, Russia's former Minister, has been made Chief of the Foreign Affairs Information Bureau of the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party.

TURKEY, watchful of Russian encroachment in the Black Sea, has

Interining The Belligerents

Latest Pan-American Regulations

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 30 (Reuters).—With the view to making internment regulations uniform, the Pan-American Neutrality Commission sitting here has drawn up proposals which will be recommended for adoption by all participants in the recent Panama Conference.

Under the proposals, every neutral State shall intern until the end of the war persons belonging to belligerents who arrive at a neutral State either individually or collectively.

Vessels considered as war auxiliaries shall be included in this arrangement.

The wounded or sick of a belligerent power may be permitted to pass through neutral territory. Wounded or sick brought by the enemy shall be interned.

Belligerents' victims or wrecks shall be interned.

Individuals physically incapacitated and unable to participate in the war shall not be interned.

Sweden Essentially Neutral

LONDON, Jan. 30 (British Wire- less).—In reply to a Commons question, the Minister of Economic Warfare said the Swedish Government had proclaimed their neutrality, and he had no reason to believe that they are treating either belligerent except in strict accordance with its terms.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/4
Demand do.	1/2 1/4
T.T. Shanghai	305
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	104 1/4
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	42 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/4
T.T. Saigon	108 1/4
T.T. France	10 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	108 1/4
T.T. Australia	1/6 3/4

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P Do.	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/4
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.82 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.09 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,385 sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	1,387 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	1,387 n.
Chartered	87 1/2
Mercantile, C. E.	465 sa.
Mercantile, C. E.	113 1/4
East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	220 sa.
Unions	465 sa.
China Underwriter	114 sa.
H.K. Fire	180 n.

SHIPPING

Douglases	100 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-China P.S.	100 n.
Indo-China D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	78/0
Waterboats s/-	7 1/2

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	103 n.
Docks	20 1/2 sa.
New Eng. Sh.	4.40 b.
New Eng. Sh.	10.80 n.
Sh. Docks	280 n.

MINING

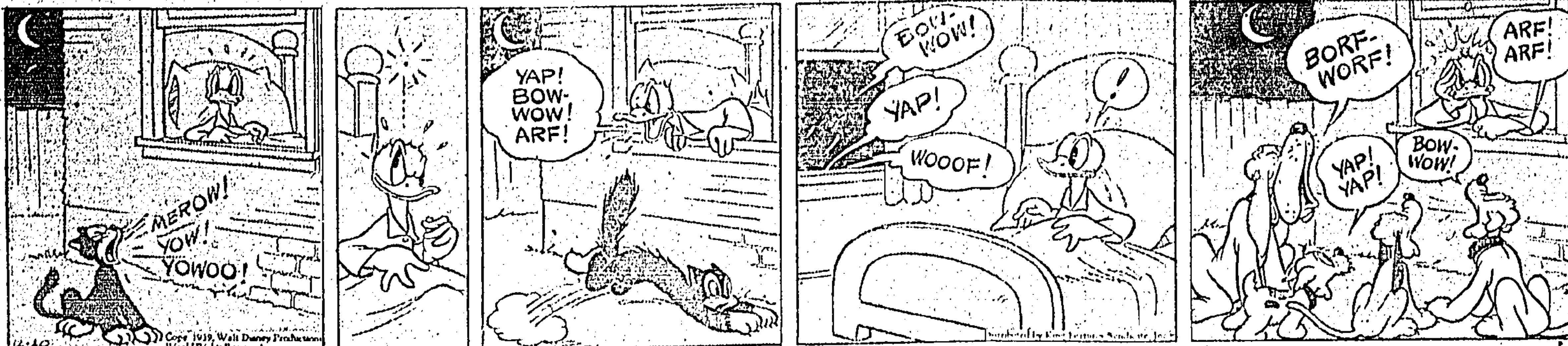
Kallan s/-	18/-
Raub's	10 n.
Venz Gold	10 n.
H.K. Mines	3 1/2 cts. n.

LANDS

Lands 4% Debentures	100
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8.45 The B. B. C. Women's Singers.

9.00 Coleridge-Taylor—Pettie Suite. D. Concert—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Studio—Talk by The Rt. Rev. C. B. R. Sargent, Assistant Bishop of Fife.

9.45 Variety with Frank Crumit, Atchafde Hall, Bobby Bren, Sam Brown and Others.

10.30 London Relay—Tommy Handley in "It's that Man Again."

11.00 London Relay—"Matters of Moment."

11.15 Close Down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says:

Slightly more activity was apparent to-day with Decks again assuming the lead. H.K. Banks, Unions, Canteens & Electrics also figured in the list.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,300
Decks \$200
Providence \$4,400
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Electrics \$35 1/2

Most Moving Story In Our Air Mail News

THE BOY WHO WORRIED ABOUT HIS FATHER

HITLER has killed Gerhardt Walter Lowenberg, aged 16. This is the story.

Gerhardt was the son of Theodor Lowenberg, a Berlin textile merchant. The Lowenbergs, being Jews, had to escape from Berlin. Mr. Lowenberg (he would prefer "Mr." to "Herr") found accommodation in Cromwell-road, South Kensington. His son Gerhardt decided to become a cook in the hotel trade, and was learning his business at the Beefsteak Club, in the West End. One Sunday recently Theodor Lowenberg had lunch with his son. Gerhardt was cheerful. He did not speak of any trouble.

But he had a constant worry—he was a refugee; he was troubled about the inexplicable cruelty of the Nazi Government to the Jews; and he could not forget how his father had suffered in a concentration camp.

This Theodor Lowenberg knew; and he suffered again because of the trouble he saw in the eyes of his son. NOT long after that week-end meeting Gerhardt was found unconscious in a London hotel where he had taken a room for the night.

Three empty bottles, which had contained drugs, were found on the dressing table. Gerhardt died two days later.

GERHARDT left a note to his father, Mr. Ingelby Oddie, the coroner, read it at the inquest in Paddington.

"All that I can give you and the other dear ones is thanks," wrote Gerhardt.

"I know how well you have treated me, and, despite this, I wish to make an end of this."

"I am leaving the mill which during this life everyone must tread. I know I can never get away from my nationality and religion."

"Please try and forgive me. I have loved you all very much."

Gerhardt also left his pocket-book. It contained details of every penny he had spent—including a gift to a poor man.

MR. LOWENBERG told his story to the Coroner.

He told how he had had to liquidate his business in Berlin. He mentioned the name of the concentration camp to which he had been sent.

"Is it a bad one?" asked Mr. Oddie.

Mr. Lowenberg answered:

"Yes. And my son was troubled about me."

REMEMBER: Gerhardt Walter Lowenberg's age was 16. And at that age he was as surely a casualty in the Hitlerite offensive as any soldier who may fall on the Western Front, any sailor whose ship may meet a Nazi murder mine.

Another V.C. In High Command

New Zealanders' Leader Tried To Swim Channel

LIKE the B.E.F., with Viscount Gort as its leader, the New Zealand Expeditionary Force is to be led by a V.C.

Major-General B. C. Freyberg has been chosen for the command. In the last war he was wounded nine times. His achievements earned for him not only the V.C., but the D.S.O. with two bars and six mentions in dispatches.

He became known as "the man who captured 500 Germans."

Led Charge

He received the V.C. in 1916 by most conspicuous bravery and brilliant leading as a battalion commander at Beaumont Hamel, France.

There he drove a wedge into the German line and on the following day personally led a charge that resulted in the capture of Beaumont.

At the time he was only 26, and in the two days was wounded four times.

When he was appointed general, in 1934, he was then the youngest of the list, and the only one to have risen from the war-time rank of temporary officer.

One of the bars to his D.S.O. was gained in the closing minutes of the war when, with nine men, he rushed a village and captured more than 100 Germans.

Channel Swim

In 1925 he tried to swim the Channel, but had to give up when only 400 yards from his goal on account of trouble from an old war wound.

It was said that part of his training consisted in walking from Windsor—where he was then stationed—with the Grenadier Guards—to London for lunch, and then walking back in the afternoon.

Once he made an outspoken attack on war books. "For the sake of the generation growing up," he said, "I deprecate most strongly any such

General Freyberg (above) won his D.S.O. at Gallipoli in 1915. With his body painted black he swam for two miles from a destroyer to the shore, pushing a raft bearing calcium flares. He crept up to the Turkish lines and lit the flares to create a diversion while British troops landed at other points.

suggestion as that the people who fought in the war were drunkards or cowards.

"In my four years of war service I saw only five drunken men. I do not know of a single man shot for cowardice."

The despatch of the first echelon of the New Zealand force for service overseas was announced by the Prime Minister of New Zealand last night.

The troops will embark as soon as transport is available, and will have a naval escort.

WANG DENOUNCED

Government Of Sikang Loyal To China

Chungking, Jan. 29. It is officially reported that the Provincial Governor of Sikang, General Liu Wen-hui broke his long political silence to-day when he issued a circular telegram denouncing Wang Ching-wei for "selling his country."

General Liu Wen-hui is one of Szechuan's native military men. His headquarters are now at Kangting.

The Hankow Herald in an editorial says: "It is a very sad fact that the Japanese nation has now been brought to the verge of collapse."

"The Japanese should wake up to the truth that unless the China war is concluded, there is no possibility of saving themselves from impending disaster."

"In order to conclude the war, the device of pitting up puppet regimes should be given up."—United Press.

RUSSIANS DID IT

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Maximum Food Production

WITH five months of the war behind us we may feel some confidence that measures have been taken in good time to produce more food from Britain's own soil. The Minister for Agriculture has already reported that the results of the Government scheme for ploughing up 2,000,000 acres of rough or worn-out grassland before next summer had been "inspiring." In the last war it took four years to complete an equal task. In this case the importance of the farm was foreseen, and the plan to restore the fertility of pasture in the spring was set going before the war. Even when it is carried out much more will remain to be done, for the amount of our arable land was at the beginning of the year more than 2,000,000 acres less than in 1914. Sir R. Dorman-Smith has announced another ploughing campaign for the year after next spring, if the war continues. Whatever its course, we shall certainly be required to make the most effective use of all our resources with the least possible delay. None of them has been so long neglected or is capable of such great expansion as agriculture. Millions of acres of second and third-rate grassland, it is officially estimated, are now yielding only a fraction of the human food and animal feeding stuffs which they once provided.

The present objective of agricultural policy is rightly defined as the maximum increase in the productivity of the soil and the maximum economy of shipping and foreign exchange. Britain imported last year 7,500,000 tons of animal food. The more nearly farmers, whether milk or meat is their main product, can eliminate these imports by providing for their stock from their own land, the better for the nation. By the first ploughing programme agricultural dependence on sea-borne supplies should be much reduced. There is no intention now of demanding that wheat should be grown on land which will not give a good yield. As to prices, the farmer must have a reasonable return. The Government plan of taking control of the whole output of the land provides for that, and ought to ensure that there are no exaggerated increases.

In the case of milk it has been decided that the present level of retail prices shall be maintained at the cost of "temporary assistance" from the taxpayer to the producers. The cost of this was calculated by Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Co-operative spokesman, at £3,000,000 for the projected three months,



HITLER: "We're not together, are we?"

BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT

The Lesson of 1914-1918

RECENTLY Mr. Lloyd George told the country what steps he took to speed up our war effort when he became Prime Minister twenty-three years ago. But he did not recall that some of his most notable contributions to our success in the war were made before he became Prime Minister. In particular, his work in speeding up munitions had already produced great results by December, 1916.

During the first nine months of the war, the British Army were slow to realise the part that would be played by heavy artillery in trench warfare. In the early months very few contracts were placed—except for field guns and howitzers, which were ordered in sufficient numbers to keep pace with the growth of the New Kitchener Armies.

But deliveries were slow and the supply of ammunition, which had not been ordered in anything like sufficient quantities, was badly in arrears.

IN the late spring of 1915 the army for which provision was being made was one of thirty divisions. Between August, 1914, and the First of June, 1916, orders had been placed for 110 heavy howitzers of all calibres. By June 30, 52 howitzers had been issued to the Army, most of these being converted naval or coast defence guns.

The Ministry of Munitions was formed at the end of May. In the third week of June an important conference, attended by a representative of G.H.Q., was held in Boulogne between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Thomas, the French Minister of Munitions, at which, among other matters, the requirements of artillery were discussed. The principal suggestion put forward at this meeting by the French experts was the revolutionary one that the number of heavy guns (6in. and upwards) in the field should equal the number of field guns.

Two days later, an inquiry from the War Office as to his artillery requirements elicited from Sir John French a request for a greatly increased establishment.

possibly £3,000,000 for a full year, and these figures are not repudiated by the Minister of Food. It is a heavy burden, but if it maintains the consumption and production of liquid milk through the strain of war and rationing the money may be well spent. Taken as a whole, the plans b'd fair to give England ample security, to avoid the fever chart of boom and slump which left farming to disaster after the last war, and to establish the framework of a properly balanced agriculture.

ishment of heavy artillery, which reflected the influence of these discussions at Boulogne. Instead of "siege artillery" being moved as hitherto from one part of the front to another, he asked that each division and army corps should have its own establishment. He therefore asked for one 60 pdr. and one 6in. howitzer battery per division, and two batteries of either 8in. or 9.2in. howitzers for every corps of three divisions.

This programme was to be carried out as soon as possible and during the next winter every effort should be made to double this establishment by the spring of 1916 "if the war should continue so long."

Finally, he asked that this establishment should be provided on the basis of 50 divisions in the field by March, 1916.

ON June 30 this letter was forwarded to the Ministry of Munitions with a covering letter stating that if the Ministry were able to meet Sir John French's request, some further guns would be needed for forces in other fields and to provide for wastage. A table was therefore annexed showing requirements for 70 divisions.

Within a week, preparations were begun in the Ministry to allocate orders and for helping manufacturers to provide labour and machinery for this programme. But in August, Mr. Lloyd George, who was still dissatisfied with the contractors' promises, raised the programme to a basis of 100 divisions plus an additional margin varying from 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. for various types of gun.

By the end of August, the programme was finally settled on the basis of a manufacturing programme of 2,655 heavy guns and howitzers. This was nearly six times as many as the total number of heavy guns and howitzers in existence or on order at the time the Ministry came into being.

The programme for light field guns and howitzers was also increased, and arrangements were at once put in hand to bring fresh firms into the business of gun manufacture. An ammunition programme to match this great equipment and provide a greatly increased ration per gun per day, was also organised, with all its associated demands for explosive, fuses, instruments of precision, raw materials and additional labour, both skilled and unskilled.

The primary justification for placing orders of this magnitude

was that it made it worth while to instal new machinery on a larger scale and so hasten the dates at which large deliveries could be made in the critical months of 1916.

FOR nearly 12 months the Lloyd George munition programme was the subject of strong criticism in the Government. Lord Kitchener told the Cabinet that it would never be possible to train artillery officers to handle so vast an equipment.

Mr. McKenna protested that it imposed an undue strain on our finances and in particular that dollars would not be available to pay for the necessary raw materials, and nitro-cellulose from America.

The Board of Trade objected that it was diverting too large a proportion of our resources from commercial work which was needed to maintain our economic life and in particular our export trade.

Finally the programme was opposed by almost every other Government Department on the ground that it monopolised too large a proportion of British labour. But thanks to the support of Mr. Asquith, the programme

was maintained in spite of all efforts to curtail it; and the rapidly growing output of guns and shells enabled the British Army to take the offensive on a grand scale in July, 1916, thirteen months after the Ministry was established.

THE complete justification of Mr. Lloyd George's foresight quickly followed. Between June and October, 1916, the following successive demands were made upon the Ministry of Munitions:

At the end of June the French began to express alarm at the rapid rate at which their guns were wearing out as the result of the terrific firing in the battle of Verdun. Preparations were therefore put in hand for relining and renewing artillery on a very great scale.

In the second week of July the Commander-in-Chief wrote demanding a further big increase in the standard establishment of heavy artillery, to be reached in two stages. The Ministry was able to reply that for the heaviest howitzers the maximum programme was covered by orders already placed and that only a small deficit remained to be covered in the case of 6in. howitzers.

Early in August, G.H.Q. asked for a large number of the

new 3in. 20cwt anti-aircraft guns to protect the whole of the front. A few weeks later the Home Defence Command submitted a similar demand for anti-aircraft guns for London and vital points in this country.

Finally, in the early autumn, the Cabinet decided to arm all British merchant ships and requested the Ministry to allot to the Admiralty gun-making capacity for 10,000 guns.

These demands put a very great strain upon the plant capacity that had been organised by the Ministry. But in spite of difficulties, these demands were almost completely met in 1917.

But the pressure did not cease even with the great effort of that year. Early in 1918 the munition programme of the United States, which had entered the war in April, 1917, was falling far behind schedule in spite of the fact that many American firms had been manufacturing for the Allies for the previous two years.

The delay was chiefly due to the unwise decision of the American War Department to turn over the American factories that had been busy on British and French munitions orders in previous years to American types and calibres and to introduce a third pattern of equip-

ment into France. The "change-over" in the factories and the inevitable delays in getting production going on a fresh set of products paralysed production for many months.

In the spring of 1918, therefore, it was decided to equip the American Army in Europe with French field guns and British heavy artillery and ammunition of 6in calibre and upwards for the whole American Army.

THE requirements of this war are very different from those of the war of 1914. In particular, our resources have to provide more formidable machines and more personnel for the war in the air and for anti-aircraft defence. But it is patent to everyone that we are as yet very far from having called on the full resources of the country.

There are two lessons to be learned from the munition story of 1915. One is that imaginative planning is an essential of victory. The second is that "Where there's a will there's a way."

Once again, speed in action is vital; for the sooner we reach the peak of our effort the sooner the war will end. The call may involve discomfort and sacrifice. But, if it is made in the right way, the response will be as overwhelming as it was twenty-five years ago.

AMERICAN BOYCOTT

Divergent Opinion In United States

BALTIMORE, Jan. 30 (UP).—The "Baltimore Sun" speaks on the political wisdom or effectiveness of an economic embargo against Japan. The paper says that no one can say for certain whether it would be effective in the way intended—force Japan to withdraw from China—and instead it might bring in its wake "problems of our own to wrestle with."

Senator Wagner considers that hasty action towards an embargo would be bad.

Expressing that he was unalterably opposed to any embargo, Senator Nye said, "I certainly do not want our country to nose into any controversy abroad. I believe that an embargo would constitute a direct aggressive step towards war."

Senator Wheeler is very hesitant to vote on embargoes against any country because such a step can only stir up ill-feeling.

"Placing embargoes against Japan might even involve us in war," he said. "I am for keeping out of war either in the Orient or Europe."

Senator Pittman advocated giving the President power to impose an embargo. If the United States was going to continue making protests to Japan, then the President should be granted sufficient authority to make the protests more effective. If necessary.

Chinese Women's Opinion

CHUNGKING, Jan. 30 (UP).—A graduate of the north-western University of Illinois, member of the People's Political Council and widow of the Japanese-murdered President of the University of Shanghai, Mrs. Herman Liu in a broadcast to Chinese women's viewpoint of the war.

"With you rests the solution to world peace and international justice," she said. "Japan is the world's public enemy. It is most dangerous to let this monster run wild. We beg you to use your weapon immediately for our sake, for your own security as well as the welfare of Japan whose people we love but whose militarists we hate."

Japanese Deny Tientsin Restrictions!

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TIENSIN, Jan. 30 (UP).—A Japanese military spokesman, in reply to a question, stated that to co-operate with the new order in East Asia means not to show hostile characteristics but a friendly attitude.

Questioned regarding the effect of the food restrictions he replied that the malcontents in the Concessions have increased, and some are smuggling food.

He said there were no restrictions, which the correspondents refused to permit people to pass through.

The spokesman said that the Hirota unit, stationed in the first special area in control of the barriers, orders principally from General Homma, but the details generally use their own discretion.

RESERVIST ON \$2,500 BAIL Serious Charge

A POLICE RESERVIST appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning to face a charge of attempted extortion.

The Reservist, Ho So, aged 46, described additionally as a garage proprietor, was charged that, on January 29, he attempted with two other persons to extort the sum of \$1,000 from Chan Suk-tin.

He was represented by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo. Inspector Hopkins, who prosecuted, was granted a remand until Saturday.

He was granted bail of \$2,500.

SYLT CLOSED TO CIVILIANS

BERLIN, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Admiral Raeder has announced that the islands of Borkum, Juist, Nordere, Langeoog, Plocker, Wardenburg and Sylt will be military security zones for the duration of the war.

It is reported from Copenhagen that train after train is leaving the German air base at Sylt and the Hindenburg Dam, which connects it with the mainland, crowded with evacuated persons.

Mr. Nelson Johnson In Hankow

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HANKOW, Jan. 30 (UP).—Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador, stated that he visited various ports en route to Hankow. He did not observe any fighting and the trip was an uneventful one.

The Ambassador declined to comment on the political situation or the re-opening of the Yangtze.

QUINS BORN IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The wife of an Egyptian named Sayed Hamada Gheza has given birth to quintuplets.

They are all girls and are in good health.

Famed Kiel Raid Sequel

British Pilot Given New Decoration

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Squadron Leader K. C. Doran, who led the famous Kiel air raid in the early days of the war, has been awarded a bar to the Distinguished Flying Cross, which he won for the part he played in that raid.

Doran was the leader of a formation of bomber aircraft attacked by enemy fighters over the North Sea, and by clever tactics and gallant leadership he successfully maintained a close defensive formation throughout the engagement.

Put Nazis To Flight

Two fighter aircraft were compelled to break off the fight. A third was shot down in flames into the sea and the remainder eventually abandoned the attack.

Although one British aircraft was lost and a second had to return to the base, Doran, showing great determination, led the remaining aircraft 130 miles further to his objective.

Leading Aircraftman John Tippet has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for "coolness in handling his gun and repelling enemy attacks in an engagement over the North Sea."

Restrictions On U.S. Ships

Britain Asked For Assurances

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, conferred to-day regarding British restrictions on United States shipping.

Later Lord Lothian told the Press that they had discussed the possibility of guaranteeing that United States ships would be exempt from liability to be taken to British control ports within the "combat area" laid down by the United States' Neutrality Act.

The matter is still under discussion. The prospect of establishing a control port in Canada was also considered. St. John, New Brunswick, had been mentioned as the most likely place for such a port.

The talk lasted 35 minutes and Lord Lothian said that they had had a very friendly discussion on various points. He did not present any reply to the United States' note to Britain which is still unanswered.

Attempt To Clarify

Lord Lothian and Mr. Cordell Hull discussed practically all phases of recent Anglo-American relations, and Lord Lothian later admitted that St. John was considered as the possible port for American freighters, but generally was not communicative.

Mr. Cordell Hull at a Press conference confirmed that the general exchange of ideas and information was an attempt to clarify and iron out the situation.

Rumanian Oil Policy

Clearly Stated By Commerce Minister

BUCHAREST, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—An important speech regarding the Rumanian oil policy has been made by the Rumanian Minister of Commerce.

He said that the measures taken recently had no other aim than that of meeting national requirement and all reports to the contrary were quite unjustified.

Oil, he said, was essential for the Rumanian military forces, so necessary during the present troubled times.

He urged the need for an increased production of oil.

Balkan Entente Conference

ANKARA, Turkey, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, left here this afternoon at the head of a Turkish delegation for a conference of the Balkan Entente at Bucharest. He will visit the Bulgarian Prime Minister in the course of his journey.

Balkans Not Menaced

HELGRADE, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—"There is no menace to the Balkans," declared the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, Cincar Markovitch, according to the newspaper "Napole."

The meeting of the Balkan Entente on Friday "will produce no surprise or sensational results," he added.

M. Markovitch said that the disturbing rumours now current were without foundation. He continued: "It is necessary for the Balkan countries to collaborate in the economic field as the war is being conducted by economic means, and the Balkans are the cross-roads of the continent."

Marked Activity Near Saar

PARIS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—A French war communiqué states that there was marked activity of contact units to the west of the Saar. In the same region, artillery was in action during a large part of the day.

STALINISM IS DESPICABLE WILL FOR POWER

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Russian attack on Finland was nothing but an attempt of Stalinism to destroy the civilisation of the West, said M. Gripenberg, the Finnish Minister in London, in a speech made at Edinburgh to-day.

Stalinism, he said, is the correct expression to use. Stalinism, he continued, does not represent Bolshevik ideals.

He concluded by saying that Stalinism represents nothing but a destructive and despicable will for power.

BRITAIN IN ICE GRIP

Transport Services Dislocated

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The intensely cold weather is still dislocating transport, and railway communication with Scotland is impossible except by the East Coast route.

A new record for the "longest delay" was set by a train which reached Glasgow this afternoon after taking 45 hours to do the journey, which normally takes ten hours.

This is an extreme example but shows the kind of difficulties which long distance trains are experiencing.

Food Supplies Affected

The London suburban train service was bad on Monday and this morning, but a return to normal service is expected to-night.

The railway companies are giving preference to food and fuel.

The London-Midland-Scottish announces that a number of coal trains are coming down from the north and something like a regular service should be possible from to-morrow.

In the meantime, people are asked to economise and not to complain if they could not get exactly the food supplies which they want at the moment.

SUSPECTED SPIES

Two Britons Sent To Prison

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Two men, Claude Felix Pierre Duvivier, born in Belgium and a naturalised Britisher, and William Alexander Crowle, an employee of the Devonport Dockyard, were each sentenced to six months imprisonment at Exmouth to-day. Part of the case was heard in camera.

Duvivier was charged with possession of a document containing information which might be useful to the enemy and acting preparatory to the commission of an offence under the emergency powers of the Defence Regulations.

Link With Fascists

Crowle was charged with communicating to Duvivier information which would be useful to the enemy. Duvivier was stated to have been a member of the Union of Fascists and another organisation known as the "The Link" (formed for the purpose of strengthening Anglo-German relations).

Nazi Plane In Luxemburg

LUXEMBURG, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—A German reconnaissance plane flew over Luxemburg on Monday and landed some two miles from the German frontier.

The occupants of the plane asked where they were and, on being told they were in Luxemburg territory, hurriedly took off again.

Dutch Protest To Berlin

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Government has protested to Berlin over the violation of Dutch territory yesterday by German planes.

The planes flew over central and north-eastern Holland and were chased off by Dutch air patrols.

MAY STOP NAZI SOYA SUPPLIES

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Straus asked whether, in view of the great importance of soya beans in the German war of economy, the Minister of Economic Warfare would reconsider his decision not to ration the quantities imported by contiguous countries.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, assured Mr. Straus that the matter would be under constant review and that appropriate measures would be taken if the occasion arose.

French Navy Is Active

PARIS, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—It is announced that during the week ending January 28, the French Navy stopped 12 ships and seized 21,000 tons of merchandise.

Since the beginning of the war, the French have stopped 268 ships and seized 602,000 tons of merchandise.

British Press And Nazi Atrocities

Evil Spirit Ascendant In Germany

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The British Press comments bitterly on the growing burden of the sacrifice caused to neutrals by the Nazi sea war, which is considered proof of the essential evils that the Allies are fighting and Finland is fighting as well.

The Nazis stress that the economic front must be strengthened before the Allies can achieve their aims.

The "Times," after giving details of Nazi air attacks on neutral shipping on Monday, says: "These barbarities, revolting as they are to all who are governed by conscience, religion or human sense obligations, are indications of the evil spirit which is in the ascendant in Germany."

Must Overcome Evil

Although Goebbels and his propaganda machine may try to conceal all this, the "Times" continues, the cloven hooves cannot be concealed and finally the Nazis at sea show what Nazism really is and nothing could more clearly demonstrate the need, if the world is to be brought to peace, for untiring perseverance until the evil is overcome.

The Labour paper "Daily Herald," referring to "the spite though bitterly tragic tale of the Finns" says that more is frozen on the northern battle-fronts than the bodies of Finnish and Soviet dead. The hopes of some idealists in the Soviet system and the prestige of the Red Army have grown cold.

Fold paper supports the "Times" in the view that every free nation must do its utmost to help Finland.

The "Times" also emphasises what also has been emphasised by the "Manchester Guardian" and other papers, that the economic and financial difficulties on which we are involving the enemy are not sufficient by themselves.

Positive and drastic steps are necessary to organise our own economic and financial effort.

Salvage Department Needed

The "Daily Telegraph" deals with the little publicised work of the salvage department of the Ministry of Supply.

This paper says that all local authorities should be as efficient as those in Birmingham which makes £25,000 a year by using the contents of garbage cans and waste-paper baskets.

There is a need for a national effort which calls for a more vigorous salvage department, says the paper.

Air Training Scheme Begins

Canada Will Play Important Part

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. have received greetings from the Air Forces in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand on the commencement of the Empire Air Training scheme.

A message from Canada reads: "We are looking forward with the keenest of pleasure to sharing with the R.A.F., the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the heavy responsibilities of the British Commonwealth Air Training scheme."

It is pointed out here that Canada was not chosen for the central part of the scheme solely for her geographical position or for the facilities of her wide open spaces.

Canada Has Everything

Still more important, however, is the fact that Canada can produce every material now used for the science of aviation.

She is able to provide about 60 per cent. of the total cost of the scheme which is costing £120,000,000.

In addition to aluminium for air frames, molybdenum for steel hardening and coal for general power, Canada has large quantities of radium. Aircraft will play a part in getting the radium for it comes from the Arctic circle.

Moreover, Canada has large supplies of materials needed for armament.

It is a fact, seldom realised, that she is the leading nation in the world for the carriage by air of freight and mail.

PRINCE SAIONJI PASSES CRISIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—TOKYO, Jan. 30 (UP).—Prince Saionji has passed the crisis and there is no need for fear, although advanced age necessitates caution until he returns to normal health, stated Dr. Kinoshita Miura, attending physician for Tokyo this afternoon. He said he does not intend to visit Prince Saionji again for some time.

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ALLIES IN UNITY

French Pressman Praises Effort

LONDON, Jan. 30 (British Wire- less).—Various aspects of the Allied war effort were discussed by M. Maurois, one of the party of French war correspondents attached to the B.E.F. now visiting England, in an interview with the Press in London to-day.

He laid special stress on the unity of the two nations in the present conflict, and the complete mutual confidence existing between the two commands.

He compared the present position, when co-operation of the armed forces of both countries under a single supreme commander has been accepted as a natural and necessary measure, with the difficulties over, and opposition to, this vital unification which arose in the course of the last war.

"Our General Gamelin"

To-day M. Maurois said, one heard British troops referring to "our General Gamelin" and no trace existed of the sort of national pride which, by refusing ever to admit the faults or limitations in achievements or capabilities of one's own nation had often resulted in the impotence of Allied strength as a whole.

M. Maurois, particularly praised the training of such troops—members of the Tank Corps, Flying Schools, etc.—as he had visited during the present stay in England and pointed to the typically British way in which such training was carried out—emphasis always given to practical demonstration rather than to theory.

Tribute To The Canadians

French Deputies See Them At Work

LONDON, Jan. 30 (British Wire- less).—Ten members of the French Chamber of Deputies composing a delegation headed by M. Yvon Delbos, Minister of Education, which is in London for talks with British M.P.s, visited the first Canadian Division at their military encampment.

The visitors spent nearly two hours among the French-speaking Canadians watching them at exercises. They also dropped into the Mess while the men were at lunch.

"With Profound Pride"

M. Delbos said: "My colleagues and I have been greatly impressed by what we have seen to-day. It is with profound pride that we greet you, who speak our common tongue and symbolize the link that binds our two countries in bonds of unity. Through the spirit which has brought you over, and the strength of the allied arms, we can be sure that victory will be ours."

GANDHI TO MEET THE VICEROY

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Mahatma Gandhi will have an interview with the Viceroy on February 3.

Considerable importance attaches to the conversation owing to the critical stage reached in the political controversy in India since the outbreak of war.

Defence Budget Reductions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (UP).—Senate Appropriations Committee approved the \$3,754,130 Deficiency Bill and pared 1,000,000 from the sum the House had approved, mostly by cutting the \$29,000,000 Navy Fund for armour plate, armaments and ammunition.

Calcutta Taipans Give Generously

CALCUTTA, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—When the East India Fund for British War Services was launched at a luncheon of Calcutta businessmen to-day, nearly £10,000 was immediately subscribed.

The Royal Calcutta Turf Club gave £7,500.

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They Call Her Gasolene

MISS PEGGY HARRISON, an American girl, on holiday in England when the war started, was largely responsible for fitting out a British Red Cross rest room, in Edinburgh. She handed over a cheque she had received from her father. And then they nicknamed her "Gasolene" when she volunteered as a Red Cross driver and announced she would pay for her own petrol.

New Way To Fight The War Advanced

LONDON.—A plea that the Allies should make a declaration "renouncing military assault as a means of curing aggression" and simultaneously should issue an explicit statement on Allied war aims is advanced here by Capt. Liddell Hart, acknowledged British authority on military strategy and tactics.

N. Y. CITY'S BILL FOR DINNER

Judge May Cost City Millions

NEW YORK (UP).—Serene and sure, Magistrate Henry H. Curran mounted his bench to toss off a miracle. He intended to force the city of New York to pay for the \$40 dinner and the \$25 hotel suite Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lewis enjoyed.

Only Magistrate Curran knew the formula of his miracle. The city of New York, through its representatives, said it most certainly would not pay the bill. The city's contract, for the Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation said they most certainly would not pay.

But the Lewis' were not at all worried. They had merely followed Curran's advice and relied on his promise that the bill would be paid in full. Curran's principle of justice—that the punishment must fit the crime.

The Lewis' hauled Charles Richardson, engineer of the Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation before Magistrate Curran on a charge of violating the anti-noise ordinance. The corporation, under contract with the city, is building a motor drive along the East River, and the din is terrific. Moreover, it goes on day and night, Sundays, and holidays, and the Lewis', together with other residents of exclusive Sutton Place have found sleep impossible for days.

Richardson said his men were building a monolithic core for a coffer dam and that the concrete had to be poured continuously. The Lewis' said their home was uninhabitable. Curran told the Lewis' to go down and have the best dinner in town—and with the dinner, have a burgundy. "I'd suggest Cles Vougeot, 1923," then go to the best show in town, then stop by a club for a snack and a drink, then to a good hotel.

Costly Dinner

"Come back here to-morrow morning with the bill for the night's entertainment and sleep. This will be an oral bill. We will take your word for it and Mr. Van Venn (of the city of New York) will see that the bill is paid."

The Lewis' went to the Colony Restaurant. They had two dry martinis at 50 cents each. They had two orders of beluga caviar at \$3.50 an order. Then two lobsters Newburgh at \$2.50 each, a pressed duck at \$5, two 75 cent salads, a bottle of Curran's favourite burgundy, which came to \$6.50, two soufflés at \$1 each, two cups of coffee at 50 cents each, and bought cocktails for persons who visited their table. The total bill, with tax and a \$0.93 tip came to \$40.

Then they went to the Waldorf Astoria where they slept soundly in a \$25 suite.

Entranced reporters watched the Lewis' wade through the lobby menu and by telephone gave the Magistrate what amounted to a play-by-play report.

"They just ordered a pressed duck, Judge," a reporter exclaimed, "five bucks worth of duck."

Curran said benignly: "Sufficient unto the day is the dinner thereof."

If Curran was not worried, the officials of the city of New York and the corporation were. They would not mind paying for the Lewis' entertainment, but 1,000 other residents of York Avenue, along which the drive is being constructed, have the same complaint about the noise and 1,000 diners at \$40 each would cost \$40,000.

In an article entitled "Is there a new way to fight this strange war?" in the Express, Captain Hart, who is recognised as having had considerable influence on the formulation of British military policy, contends that the present war has so far confirmed the contention that defence is the master of attack where two well-equipped modern forces meet. He therefore looks for a new technique in countering present day aggression.

Briefly he advocates, besides renouncing military assault, the development of economic and moral pressure to the full while making the best disposition of the Allied military forces to meet any German attempt to break through such pressure. Germany, he says, has skillfully employed "camouflaged war" during the last three years thereby out-maneuvring its opponents. It is time, he says, that the Allies replaced the traditional war methods by a policy of economic and moral pressure. Such a policy, he believes, have the additional advantage of being likelier to obtain the co-operation of the United States and other countries.

So far the Allied policy seems to have borne out the contention advanced by Captain Hart in "Defence of Britain," a book published just before hostilities started in which he said, "Our chief risk of losing the war lies in trying to 'win the war' by pursuing the mirage of a decisive victory on the battlefield. Among the problems which it seems would arise from a defensive war, are these:—

Would an economic blockade alone suffice to achieve the Allied aim of defeating Hitlerism and outlawing aggression?

If the German interpretation of stalemate on the Western Front should lead it to advance alone or in co-operation with Russia into the Balkans, are Britain and France prepared to transfer surplus armed forces from the west to the threatened countries?

In advocating an explicit statement of Allied war aims, Captain Hart says that such a policy would move the German fear of another military occupation and a vindictive peace.

Duchess Will Not 'Take Cover'

THE Duchess of Windsor has not taken refuge in a bomb-proof cellar during any of the half a dozen air-raid alarms that Paris has had so far, nor does she intend to take refuge from Nazi bombers.

"I suffer from claustrophobia" (fear of confined spaces), she explained to an International News Service representative. "If things ever get too bad I might go into the Bois de Boulogne. (The woods came almost to the door of her Boulevard Suchet home.)"

"Anyway, if you are at war you must accept your chances. Being killed by a bomb is something like being killed in a motor accident. If you are a careful driver, a sort of act of God. It is unpredictable, and there isn't much you can do about it."

The reporter adds: I understand there was a strong difference of opinion between the Duke and Duchess on the question of her remaining in Paris.

He wanted her out of any potential air raid regions, but she wished to be where she could see him on his visits to Paris.

The Duchess won.

SOMEWHERE ON THE MAGINOT LINE, France.—The situation along the narrow Franco-German front between the Rhine and Moselle Rivers to-day represents the reverse of what I found on a previous visit to the front two months ago.

Then the French were edging into Germany, ironing out the projections of German territory into France, notably around Warndt Forest, west of Forbach. Now the French have withdrawn from Germany and are endeavouring to straighten out the irregular frontier line to their advantage.

Such French frontier towns as Forbach and Saarguemines are today in No Man's Land with neither side occupying them firmly and with patrols occasionally clashing in their neighbourhood during nocturnal raids. This change, however, denotes nothing as regards the future course of the war, because a large-scale collision between the two armies, with their modern weapons of destruction, has not occurred. The French did not touch the Siegfried Line during their September advance and the Germans at no point touch the Maginot Line to-day.

Still "All Quiet"

The war retains its singularly mild and gentlemanly character with a conspicuous absence of fierce bombing raids which were generally anticipated at the outbreak of hostilities. The fighting activities have been restricted to skirmishes between advanced patrols with occasional artillery duels and air combats.

I have just returned from a visit to several combat units which now are resting in Lorraine after being engaged in the earlier fighting. The visit conveyed the impression that the morale and physical condition of the French troops were excellent. They were quartered in barns in villages where one sometimes sinks

Czech Women Join Up

LONDON.—More than 200 Czechoslovak women are training in London for service in field hospitals in France as part of the Czechoslovak military contribution to the Allies.

The women are taking language lessons in French and English as well as technical training for the nursing service. Much of the work is carried on in the evening as many of the Czech refugees are employed by day as domestic servants.

"I am looking forward impatiently to the moment when I shall be able to start work and make use of what I have learned," the wife of a doctor told the United Press. With her husband she escaped from Prague after the German occupation.

"I am glad that I shall be allowed to work in a field hospital," a young girl, formerly a shop assistant in a Bohemian country town said. "I am not afraid of most hard labour as long as I know that I can do something for my country."

Many of the women came from homes of wealth in Czechoslovakia. They do their own housework now or work as the servants of others.

Front-Line Styles For Correspondents

LONDON.—American newspaper correspondents swapped business suits for khaki uniforms for their recent official visit to the front—but the absence of detailed instructions produced an effect wonderful to behold.

Some of the correspondents had boots, some had slacks, some had Sam Browne belts, some had raincoats lined with sheep's wool. Others had great coats big enough to shelter a family of midgelets.

Map cases, field glasses, gas masks, tin hats—all fairly dripped from the fully equipped correspondent. Arm brassards veridically striped in red and white added a barber's pole effect.

Once fully installed in the equipment it takes two men and a large boy to get the average correspondent out.

lance-deep in mud, after stepping off the main roads.

The troops are well fed, receiving meat, usually beef, twice a day and the French officers have not forgotten Napoleon's dictum that an army marches on its stomach. One Colonel conceived the ingenious idea of holding a competition for the best cook, and allowing the men to act as the jury.

Ability of Officers

Incidentally, the visitor to the French Army is impressed by the ability of many of the higher regimental officers to treat the men in an extremely human and democratic fashion while still preserving the full discipline and maintaining the most efficient discipline. During the trip I met an Alsatian who possessed the unusual background of having served as a private in the German Army during the World War when Alsace Lorraine belonged to Germany and who is now holding the rank of Colonel in the French Army. Questions regarding the major differences between the two armies he replied, "Discipline is the first characteristic of the German Army and initiative of the French. And French officers are much more agreeable to their men than the German officers."

The general health of the troops is excellent. The effect of regular meals and outdoor life has more than offset the bleak, rainy weather and cramped, bare quarters. This of course, is not true of the unfortunate victims of mines and shells of whom I saw a number in the well-equipped military hospital at Saverne. But casualties thus far have been extremely light on both sides.

French officers with whom I talked generally expressed the conviction that the present calm could not last indefinitely. They also generally believed that war could not be won without a decisive military victory and were confident of the Franco-British ability to win this victory, although opinion differed as to whether the war might be won by spring or would require a much longer time.

Reconnaissance Groups

A branch of the French Army, organised some years ago, which has come into great prominence during the present war is the so-called "reconnaissance groups" whose function it is to keep in constant contact with the enemy and to engage in rapid and daring expeditions. I met two daring young soldiers who had slipped, Indian fashion, into the German town of Ludweiler during the French invasion of the Saar and carried off as trophy the banner of the German Association of Radio Users ornamented with the German swastika. I also met a young noncommissioned officer who had won the two

highest French military decorations, the Croix de Guerre and the Médaille Militaire for having rescued the body of a fallen officer under heavy German fire and held out with a small patrol against a larger German force in Forest Warndt. These "reconnaissance groups" represent the elite among the French cavalry and are regularly filled with the most daring and promising soldiers.

British troops are stationed farther Northwest near the Belgian border. Some foreign observers find that the British troops are more exuberant than the French, whose dominant mood is one of resigned, determined stoicism. There is rather a conspicuous contrast between the pay of the British and French since the French private receives the negligible sum of 75 centimes, unless he is front lines, when he gets 10 francs a day still much less than the British. However, one French officer told me his men appreciated the point when he told them it was not the French but the British Government which was paying the soldiers so that British people must ultimately foot the bill.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO Jan. 31, 1890.

The French Army officers are now all armed with revolvers; during the war with Germany in 1870 they had none.

55.—Is the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society doing a natural death? A cold and miserable annual meeting, a still more miserable ball on St. Andrew's Day and no celebration of Burns' anniversary would almost lead one to think so. Sentiments to the front.—AN ENTHUSIASTIC SCOT.

Very enjoyable, if not ultra-select, was the quadrille party given by the staff-officers and servants of the A. and S. Highlanders to their friends, in the City Hall, last evening.

25 YEARS AGO Jan. 31, 1915.

Today is the fifty-ninth anniversary of the institution of the Victoria Cross—the highest award which Britain has to offer her sons for gallantry in the field or in naval warfare.

10 YEARS AGO Jan. 31, 1930.

The Military Dictatorship in Spain may be regarded as virtually at an end following a bloodless revolution which resulted in the resignation of General Primo de Rivera and the members of his Cabinet. The movement which brought about the downfall of the Dictator was started in Seville by the Infante Carlos (the King's cousin) who refused to continue in his command. General Primo de Rivera announced his own retirement after rumours had been rife all day. His successor is to be General Berenguer.

5 YEARS AGO Jan. 31, 1935.

In regard to the petition by the Government of Western Australia to be permitted to secede from the Commonwealth, the Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, said in the Commons that as similar petitions had been addressed to both Houses, he realised there would be advantage in consideration of the petition by a Joint Select Committee and he proposed to explore the possibility of adopting such a course.

Nazi Sabotage Plot Revealed by Reds

NEW YORK.—Communist and Nazi agents in Detroit and Michigan are prepared to sabotage industrial production to prevent war supplies being shipped to the Allies, said Mr. Martin Dies, chairman of the House Committee investigating un-American activities to-day.

He said that knowledge of the plots had forced him to make a special journey to Detroit to hold a hearing behind locked doors, and added: "My informants are disheartened Communists who dislike the alliance between Germany and Russia."

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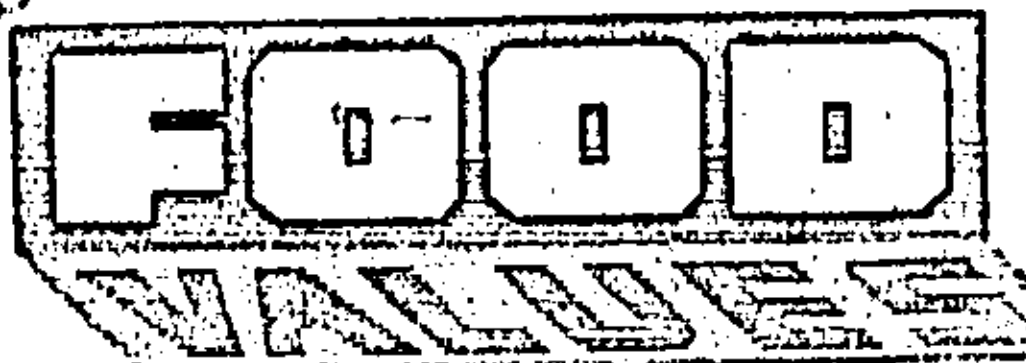
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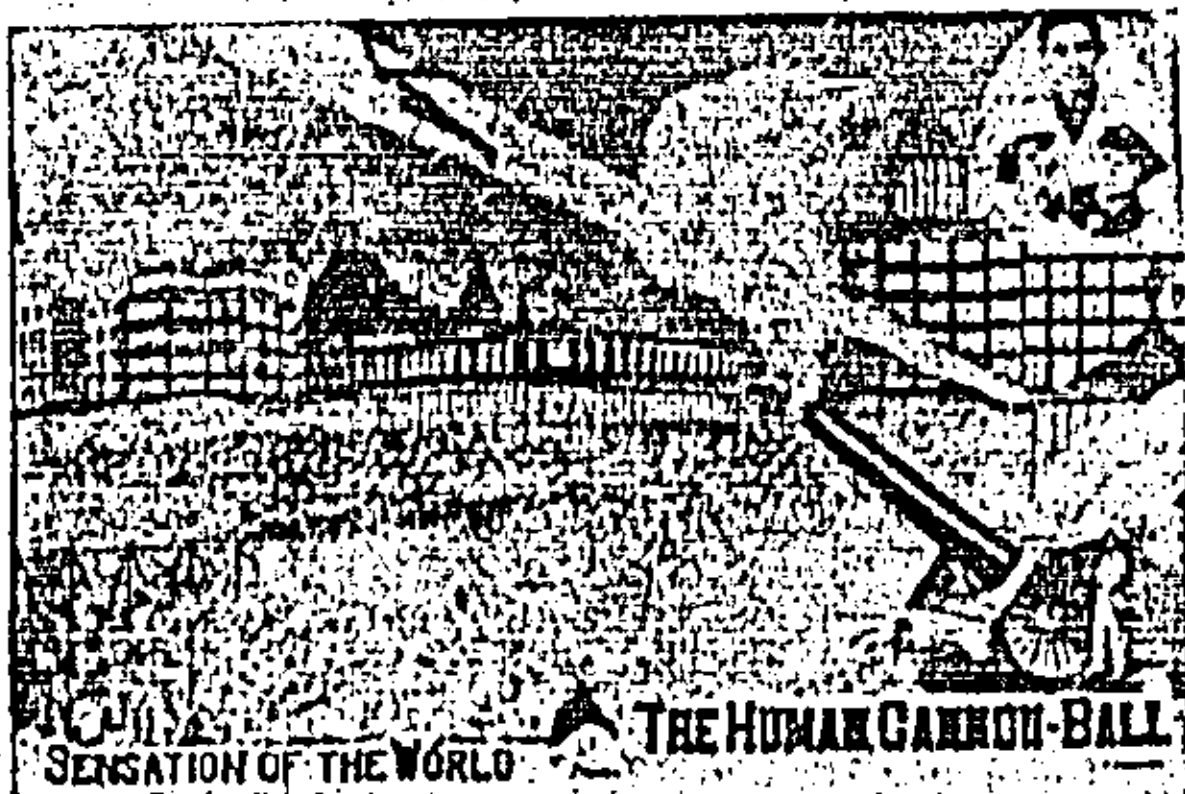
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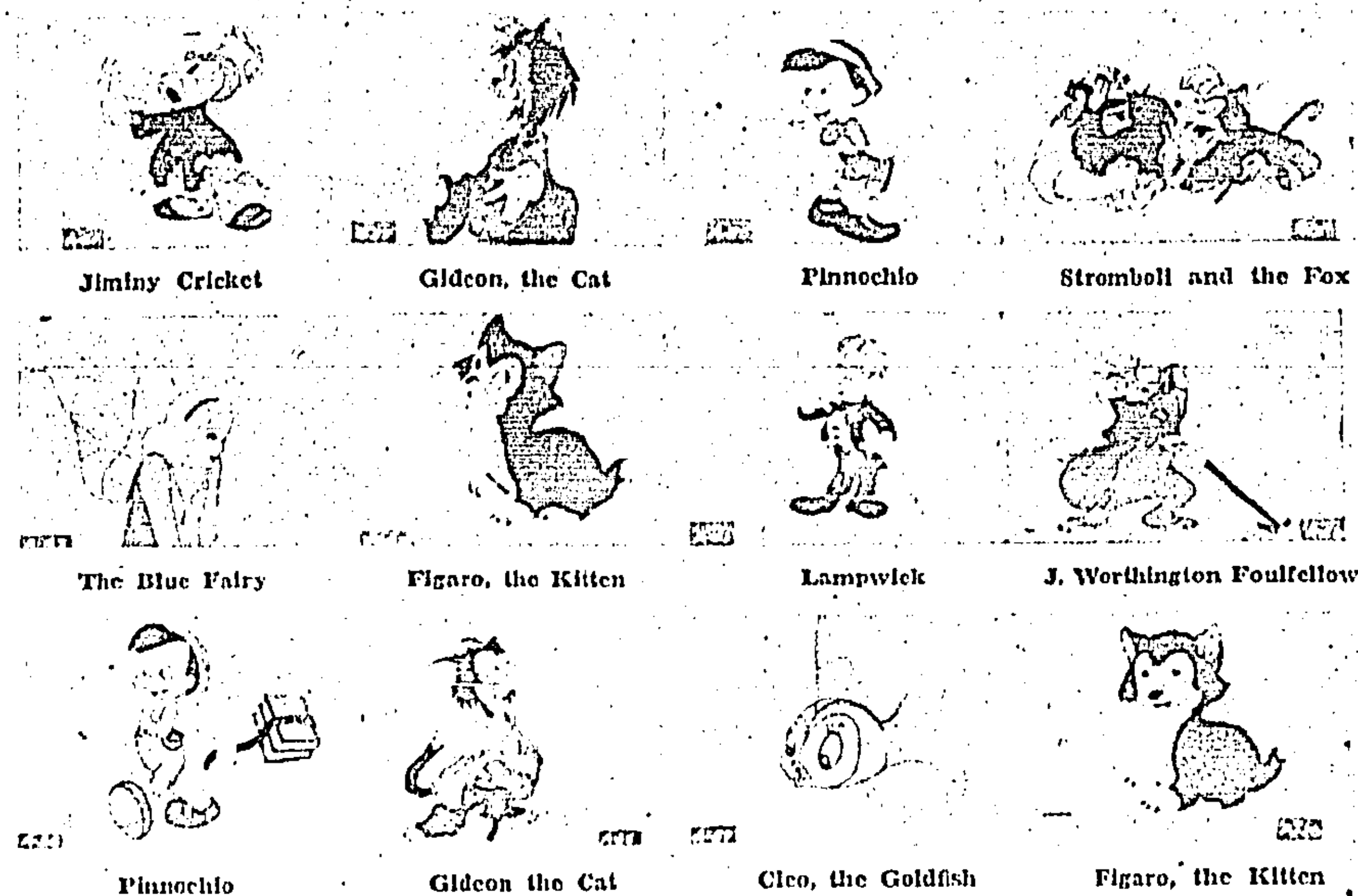
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Disney's 'Pinnochio'



Ever since Walt Disney released "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", two years ago, he and his thousand employees have been working on their second full-length feature. Now, the 300,000 drawings for "Pinocchio" have been completed. The film will be shown in Hongkong some time in March.

The story of Pinocchio, the pinewood puppet who needed a conscience, was written by an Italian, C. Collodi, in the 1880's. It has become a children's classic around the world. In Disney's film, the "Dopey" who may steal the show from Pinocchio is "Jiminy," a cricket.

Mexican Dancers

By "Previewer"

When war was declared and panic seized Paris, Mimi and Jose, famous Mexican dancers and singers, decided to cancel all their engagements in Europe and return to the Far East.

THEY hurriedly packed Mimi's latest evening gowns and set off for Spain with one small case. Sixteen cases containing all their possessions were left behind in their hotel at Paris. They have since heard that the contents of their boxes have been stolen.

Journey From Paris

On reaching the Spanish-French border, Mimi developed throat trouble and they were held up for several days in a small town. Eventually, they made their way to Venice and, after several weeks of waiting, boarded a steamer which took them to Singapore. There they appeared for some weeks at the Raffles Hotel.

Last Saturday night, they made their debut at the Hongkong Hotel.

They intend to stay here for a month, leaving then for Manila and later for Colombo where they will appear during the Easter holiday season.

An attractive and likeable couple, Mimi and Jose have been entertainers for many years. Mimi is a Dolores del Rio type of beauty, has travelled all over the world.

Her early years of training were spent in Mexico, New York and Barcelona.

Met In Manila

Four years ago, when visiting Manila, she met Jose who was then alone—his dancing partner having left to be married. They joined forces and have toured the world together.

Jose is an accomplished personage, too. As well as being an excellent pianist and dancer, he is a costume designer, a hat maker, a pharmacist and a good cook.

Their Hobby

Their work is dancing and singing but their hobby is physical culture.

"If we ever settle down," Mimi told me, "we will open a Physical Culture College. We are keenly interested in the subject having studied it intensively in Europe. We do not drink alcohol or smoke and all we think about is our health. We are also believers in nudism and hope some day to open a nudist colony. But that will have to be in a warmer climate than you have here," she concluded, laughing.



Mimi and Jose... their work is dancing and singing, their hobby is physical culture.

AT THE CINEMAS

Alhambra: "Newsboys' Home" (Edmund Lowe).
Oriental: "Eternally Yours" (Loretta Young, David Niven).
Majestic: "Kitty Smiling" (Grace Fields).
Queen's: "A Millionaire's Touchdown" (Joe E. Brown, Martha Raye).
Kings: "The Real Glory" (Gary Cooper, Andrea Leeds).

So it's not adieu to

RUMOURS about Greta Garbo retiring are as common as nuts in May.

Every time there is a big time-lapse between her pictures the story goes around that she is leaving Hollywood and the screen for ever.

Recently the old rumour raised its head again—and this time there seemed evidence to support it. But it isn't so. Certainly she's behind-hand with her work, but she is not through with the films.

Garbo makes two films a year. The first of the 1939 duo is "Ninotchka." It will be screened in Hongkong in March and the story goes that in it she scores one of the greatest successes of her career.

The second of the two has not yet been named. It was supposed to be "The Life of Madame Curie." That film may be postponed but it will not be abandoned.

If it is postponed she will star in another film so that there may be time for it to be put in shape.

Anna Neagle In Hollywood

ANNA Neagle, star of "Nurse Cavell," "Sixty Glorious Years" and "Victoria The Great," is at present in Hollywood where she is working at the RKO Radio Studios.

She is starring in musical comedy film, "Irene," with Herbert Wilcox directing.

The cast includes Ray Milland, Roland Young, May Robson, Arthur Treacher, Doris Nolan, Billie Burke and Isabel Jewell.

There was some talk that she would do a picture based on the life of the great comedienne, Marie Lloyd—maybe as a light relief from playing so many royal parts—but the idea was shelved.



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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Winning hand in bridge

6—Pertaining to ends

10—Spoken on fishing rod

14—Beginner

16—Bathhouse from native land

18—Journey

19—Clive forth

20—Piece of parlor furniture

21—Quality of sound

22—Wooden fortification

23—Makes speech

24—Filly

25—Above

26—Vegetable dish

28—Apparently favors both sides of

30—Jolly hoarse about

32—Detect

33—Fourth call

34—Red nose

35—Most northerly land

36—Ancient geography

41—Center of solar system

42—Amount (abbr.)

43—Uttered

44—Daughter of Pentus

45—Having no flavor

46—Takes off

48—Raw metals

51—Tender

53—Bless

55—Woman-like

56—Healthy state

61—Positive volatile pole

DOWN

1—Peace

2—Capital of Peru

3—Dead covering

4—Induce

5—Device actuated by foot

6—Corresponds of sized

7—Charged with

8—Armpit

9—Unimpaired

10—Hold back

11—Little island

12—Bird of prey

13—Confederate general

14—Indice

15—Endure

16—Turn of mind

17—Turning tool

18—African antelope

19—Fathers

20—Deadlock

21—Indice

22—Wedge-shaped

23—Indice

24—Italian town

25—Bounded, as ball

26—Heavy hammer

27—Modern noble

28—Water picture

29—No more than

30—Possessed with

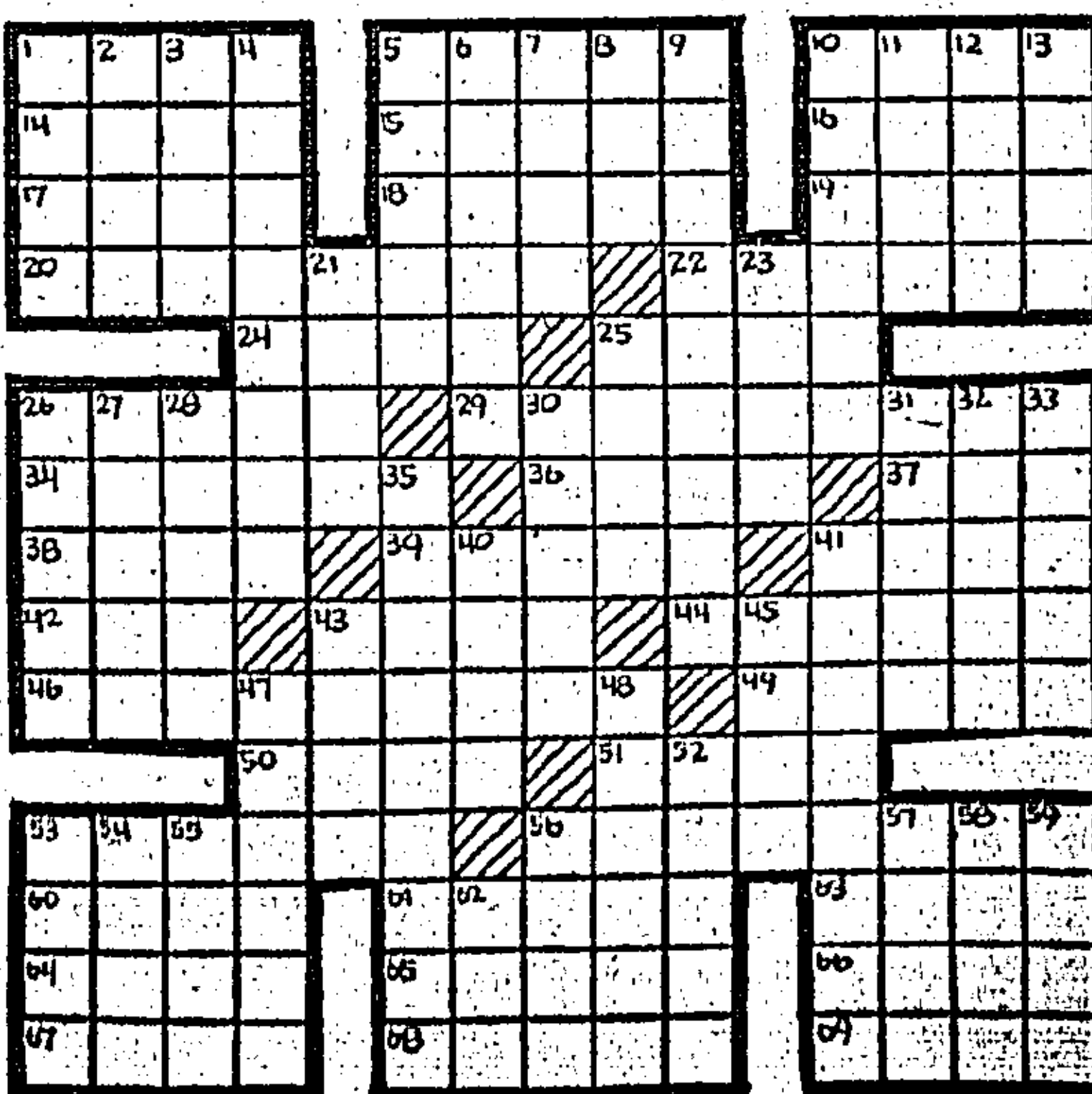
31—Attention

32—Ancient Indian tribe

33—Rare cat

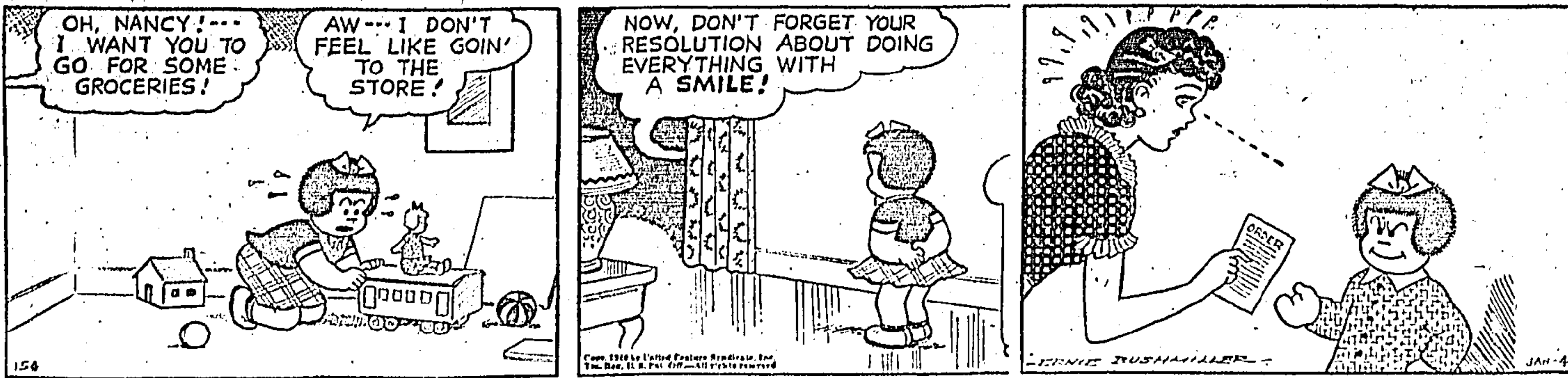
34—Anglo-Saxon verb

35—Nothing



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



NINOTCHKA

Three Russian agents sent to Paris to sell the jewels of the former Grand Duchess Swana, find their deal with Mercier, the jeweller, blocked, when Count Leon d'Algot presents himself as the agent of Duchess Swana, with an injunction against the sale of the jewels or their removal from France until a French court has heard the case. Count d'Algot, the lover of the Duchess, by means of champagne and a friendly manner, wins the confidence and liking of the Soviet agents, and he writes for them a telegram to the Commissar of the Board of Trade in Moscow suggesting a fifty-fifty split with Swana.

THE ENVOY

COMRADE IRANOFF was at the telephone when Comrade Buljanoff entered the Royal Suite two days later.

"You can't hurry such things, Leon. You must give Moscow a little time. Why don't you drop in later? ... Au revoir."

"Mischa! Mischa!" cried Buljanoff excitedly. "Here's a telegram from Moscow! It must have been all day! It says: 'Halt negotiations immediately. Envoy Extraordinary arrives Thursday sixteen with full power. Your authority cancelled herewith. Razinin.'"

"This is Thursday!" exclaimed Iranoff.

"And it's six o'clock already!" said Iranoff.

"I always said it would be Siberia!" said Kopoliski, entering the room. "Iranoff, tell the manager a Special Envoy is coming from Moscow and will occupy the Royal Suite and to move our things to the smallest room he's got. 'We'll have a taxi waiting in front.'"

The train had already arrived when they reached the station. Not knowing the name of the Envoy Extraordinary, they were trying to discover an authoritative, Russian-looking man among the scurrying passengers, when a woman with two suitcases addressed them.

"I am looking for Michael Simonovitch Iranoff," Iranoff acknowledged that he was the person she was looking for, and she continued: "I am Nina Ivanova Yakushova, Envoy Extraordinary, acting under direct orders of Comrade Commissar Razinin. Present me to your colleagues."

NERVOUSLY they shook her hand as Iranoff presented them, confused at finding the Special Envoy a woman, and fearful of what her instructions might be regarding them.

"What a charming idea for Moscow to surprise us with a lady comrade," said Iranoff.

"Don't make an issue of my womanhood. We are here for

From the novel by M. LENGYEL
Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbous Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

work. Let's not waste time. ... Shall we go?"

Nina Yakushova stooped to pick up her suitcases, and Iranoff hastily called for a porter. She refused to surrender them.

"Why should you carry other people's bags?" she asked the porter.

"Well, that's my business, Madame."

"That's no business. That's social injustice. She even refused to let Kopoliski carry the bags."

"How are things in Moscow?" asked Buljanoff to make conversation.

"Very good. The last mass trials were a great success. There are going to be fewer but better Russians."

The three Russians glanced at each other in covert panic.

In spite of the new Envoy's being all for business, she stopped before a hat shop in the lobby of the Hotel Clarence.

"What's that?" she asked, indicating a hat.

"It's a hat, Comrade. A woman's hat," replied Kopoliski.

"Ask, ask, how can such a civilisation survive which permits women to put things like that on their heads! It won't be long now, Comrades."

COMRADE YAKUSHOVA glanced around the enormous Royal Suite, and inquired seriously: "Which part of the room is mine?"

"You see, it's different here. They don't rent a room in pieces. We had to take the whole suite."

"How much does this cost?"

"Two thousand francs."

"A week?"

"No, a day."

"A day! That is the price of a cow, Comrade Iranoff! If I stay here a week it will cost the Russian people seven cows! And who am I to cost the Russian people seven cows?"

"We had to take it on account of the safe," explained Buljanoff, visions of exile to Siberia in his mind's eye.

"I am ashamed to put the picture of Lenin in a room like this," said Ninotchka, nevertheless placing it on the desk. "Comrades, your telegram was received with great disavowal in Moscow."

"We did our best, Comrade," pleaded Kopoliski.

"I hope so for your sakes. What did the lawyer say?"

"We didn't want to get mixed up with lawyers," said Buljanoff.

"They are very expensive here."

"We dealt directly with the representative of the Grand Duchess. If we call him I am sure he will give you a very clear picture."

Comrade Ninotchka sat at the desk and drew a sheet of paper before her. "I shall not repeat your mistake. I will have no dealing with the Grand Duchess nor her representative." She began to write. "Comrade Buljanoff, do you spell your name with one or two 's'?"

"With two," stammered Buljanoff in fright.

"Comrades, I am not in a position to pass final judgment but at the best, you have been careless in your duty to the State. You were entrusted with more than a mere sale of jewellery. Our next year's crop is in danger and you know it. Unless we can get foreign currency to buy tractors there will not be enough bread for our people."

"We acted with the best intentions--"

"We cannot feed the Russian people on your intentions. Fifty per cent to a so-called Duchess! Half of every loaf of bread to our enemy! Comrade Kopoliski, go at once to our Embassy and get the address of the best lawyer in Paris. You, Comrade Iranoff, go to the public library and get me the section of the Civil Code on property. Comrade Buljanoff, you might get me an accurate map of Paris. I want to use my spare time to inspect the public utilities and make a study of all outstanding technical achievements in the city."

SHE took a map of Paris from a suitcase and left them.

She was stepping off the safety aisle in the middle of the street in front of the Hotel Clarence when the signal for street traffic to go was given. She stepped back on the Isle of safety, just as did Count Leon d'Algot on a way to see the Soviet agents.

"You, please," Ninotchka addressed him impersonally. "Could you give me some information: how long do we have to wait here?"

"Well... oh, until the policeman whistles again."

"At what intervals does he whistle?"

"That's funny! I never gave it a thought before!"

"Have you never been caught in a similar situation?"

"Have I? Do you know, when I come to think about it, it's staggering. If I add it all up I must have spent years waiting for signals. Imagine! An important part of my life wasted between whistles."

"In other words, you don't know."

"No."

SHE turned her attention away from him to the map in her hand.

"Can I help you?" asked Leon, deference in his voice.

"You might hold this map for me."

"I'd love to."

Ninotchka examined the map. "Correct me if I'm wrong—we are facing north, aren't we?"

"Facing north?" repeated Leon, bewildered. "I'd hate to commit myself without my compass. Pardon me, are you an explorer?"

"No, I am looking for the Eiffel Tower."

"Is that thing lost again?" Listen if you are interested in a view."

"I am interested in the Eiffel Tower from a technical standpoint."

"Technical? I couldn't help you from that angle. You see, a real Parisian only goes to the top of the tower in moments of despair to jump off."

"How long does it take a man to land?"

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"My fiancé was so excited after the Court case that he misread the form about giving notice of marriage. But later we shall be re-married at the church."

At the police court, Mr. Lloyd, who lives at Xcovey, objected to his daughter's marriage on the grounds that she was too young, and that Scott would probably be called up for the Army and would have to leave her.

Let me see... Eiffel Tower... Your finger, please."

HE took her finger and pointed to the map with it.

"Why do you need my finger?" she asked skeptically.

"Bad manners to point with your own. Here; that's the Eiffel Tower."

"And where are we?"

"Here we are." He shifted her finger back to the hotel. "Here you are and here I am. Feel it?"

"I am interested only in the shortest distance between these two points. Must you flirt?"

"I don't have to, but I find it natural."

"Suppress it. For my information would you call your approach to me typical of the local morale?"

"Madame, it is the kind of approach which has made Paris what it is."

"I have heard of the arrogant male in Capitalistic society--"

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"Your type will soon be extinct," she said, and left him as the traffic whistle blew.

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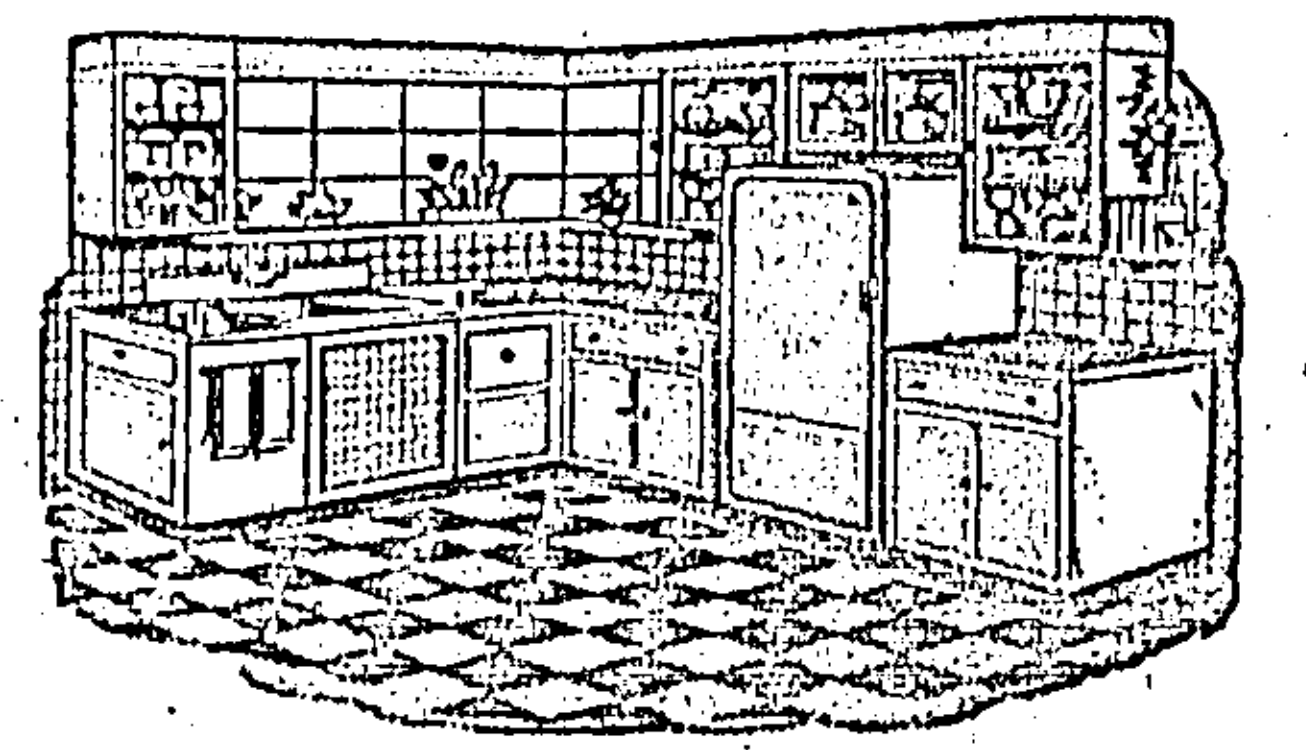
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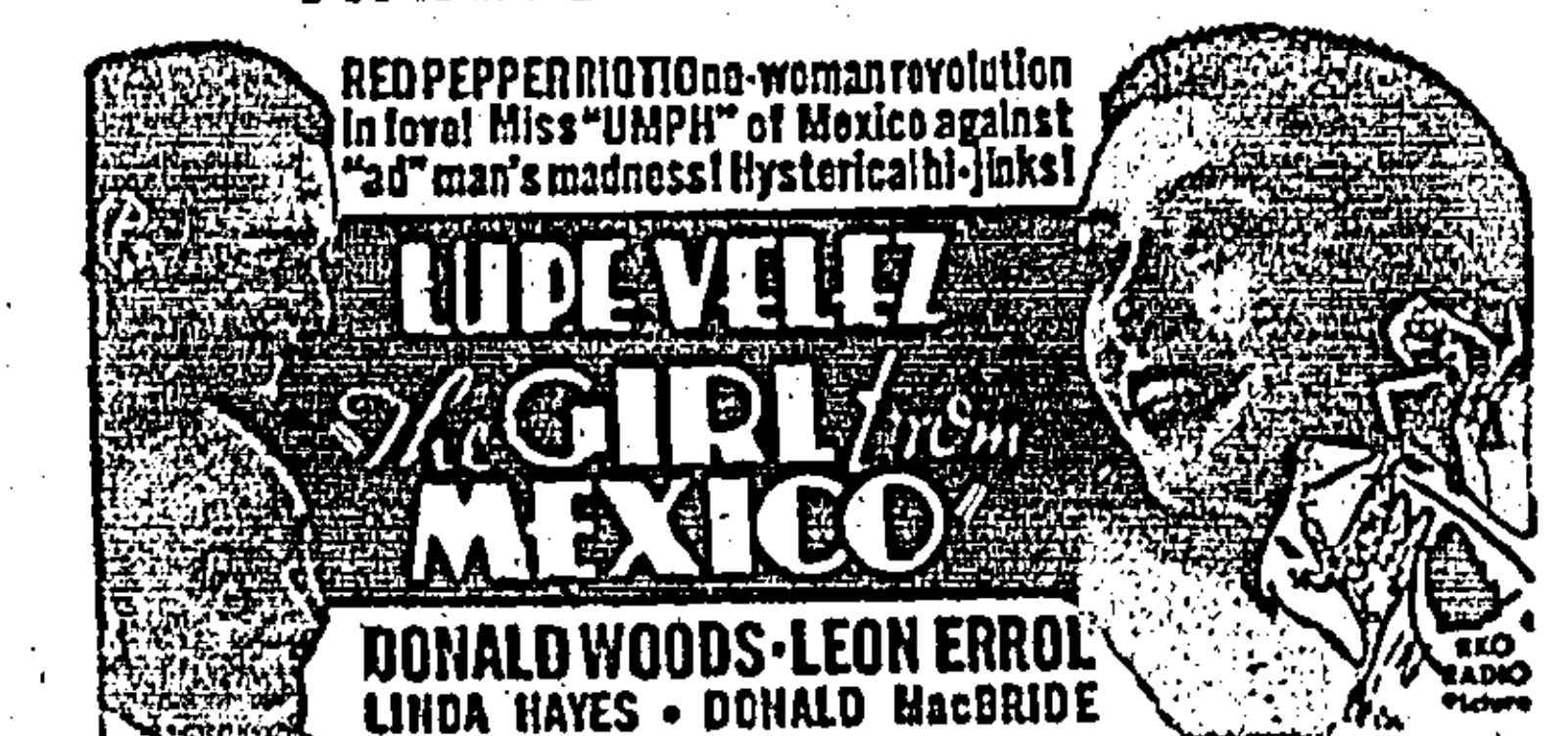


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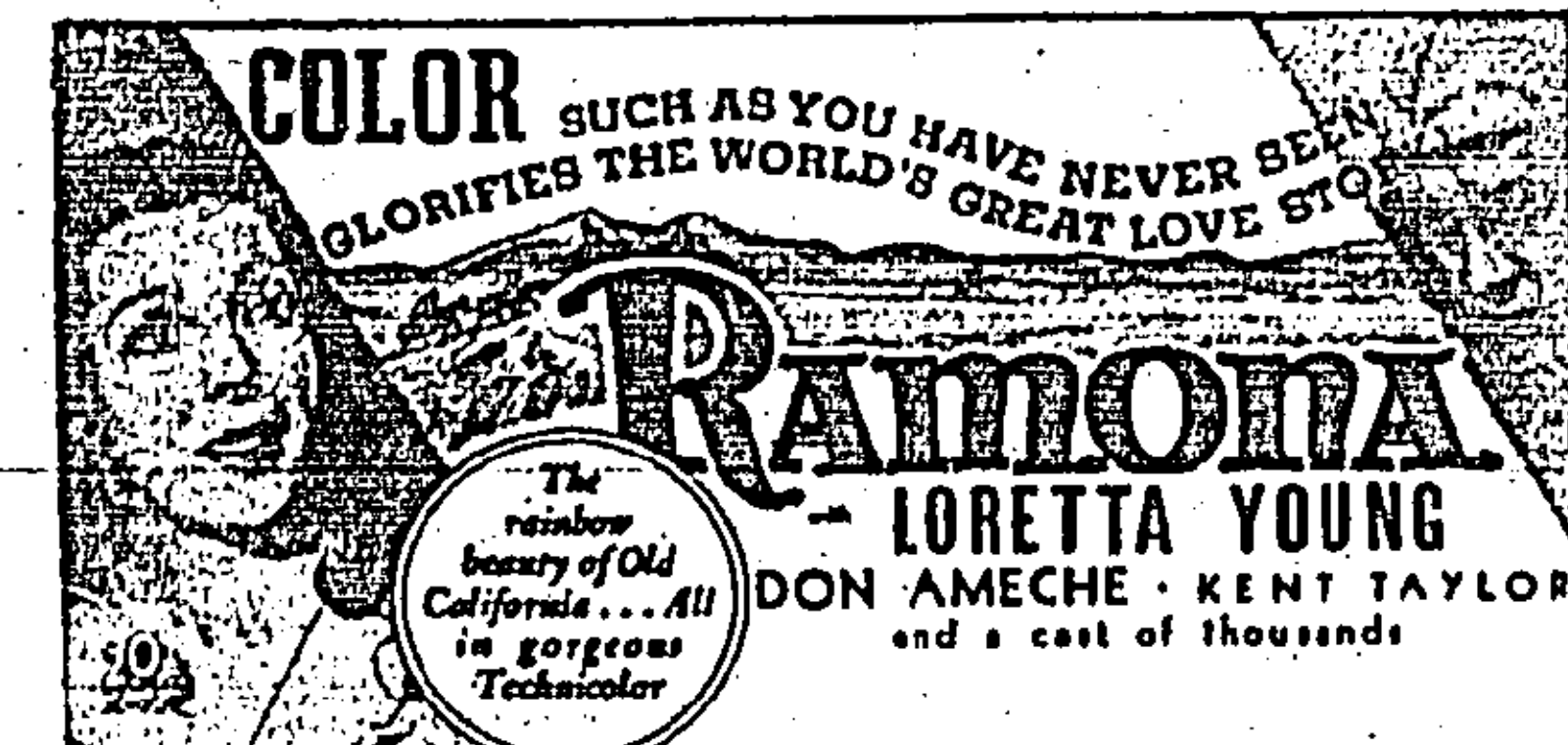
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"But it made no difference. He said he would still have to sink us."

In these words Peter Brons, a survivor of the Dutch steamer Siledrecht (5,133 tons) described the circumstances in which the ship was sunk.
After being adrift in an open boat in Atlantic storms for eight days, without food and very little water, five Dutch members of the crew were picked up and brought into a Scottish port late on Thursday night by a British trawler.
Twenty-seven members of the crew are still missing.

Given Half-Hour
Brons, of Vlaardingen, Holland, interviewed in hospital, said that on November 18 the Siledrecht was stopped in the Atlantic by a submarine, which ordered the captain to send over the ship's papers in a small boat for examination.
They launched the small boat, and Brons and four members of the crew rowed over to the submarine.

BIRTH
SALMOND.—To Isobel, wife of C. G. Salmond, Ellie Estate, Kengalle, Ceylon, on January 14, 1940, a daughter.

After examining the ship's papers the submarine commander informed them that he would have to sink their ship and gave them half an hour to abandon her.
Brons then made the statement that the U-boat commander was told the ship was a neutral one bound for a neutral port, but replied he would still have to sink her.
"We then asked them if he would take us on board and transfer us to another ship, but he refused, saying that he had no room."

A Warning
"Before we returned to our ship he warned us that if we gave any distress signals he would sink us without any further notice.
"It took us nearly half an hour to return to the Siledrecht. As we approached we yelled to those on board that the ship was going to be sunk and to man the lifeboat.
"The other members of the crew immediately lowered the boat and scrambled in. Shortly afterwards the submarine fired and there was a terrific explosion.
"In the darkness we lost sight of the other boat.
"For days the weather was terrible and we were continually 'bailing' water out of the boat.
"On Wednesday, November 22, the weather improved slightly, and we made a sail out of two overcoats. That evening we saw the flash of a lighthouse and knew that at last we were near land.
"Then we sighted a trawler and yelled until her crew heard us and came to our rescue."
The owners of the Siledrecht stated that she was carrying petrol to Norway.

RANGOON RIOTS CONTINUE
RANGOON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Despite speeches made by responsible leaders, the Hindu-Muslim disturbances are continuing.
Up to the present, 12 lives have been lost and 600 arrests have been made.

Russian Defeats Not Decisive

THE Finns have given the Russians their third thrashing in three weeks.

The Russian 44th Division, marching on Suomussalmi in the "waist" of Finland to retrieve the disaster of their 166th Division last week, have been annihilated.

This defeat imposes a firm check for the moment on the Russian drive to cut Finland in half. But it cannot be regarded as a decisive turn in the general campaign. The Suomussalmi Front is only one of half a dozen.
Indeed, it would be more accurate to say that, apart from the two "Mannerheim" lines on the shores of Lake Ladoga, there are no real formed fronts in Finland. The other areas being contested by groups of more or less independent columns.

The Finns, who are mobile, are expert at this warfare. They can fall on the flank of individual forces where they could not breach an extended line.

The Russians, who are merely mechanised, are actually handicapped by their machines. Their tanks and armoured cars must be fed with petrol. That means a long supply column, excellent meat for the Finn guerrillas.

Another thing that Mannerheim is repeating from his old campaigns—he is equipping his troops with arms taken from the enemy. The 44th Red Division were pounded with artillery and raked with machine-guns taken from the luckless 163rd Red Division.

BIRTHDAY BALL IN MANILA

MANILA, Jan. 30 (UP).—The first city under the American flag to celebrate President Roosevelt's birthday, Manila to-night staged a ball attended by 1,000 people which was the biggest in history.

The attendance was stimulated owing to the receipt of outburst of infantile paralysis.

Mr. Francis B. Sayre and President Quezon headed the guests.

Spends Day Quietly
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, 58 to-day, is celebrating his birthday quietly.

His doctor says that the President is in as perfect a condition as any man of his age could be.

Many birthday dinners and dances are being held throughout the United States to raise funds in the Infantile Paralysis Campaign in which the President is most interested.

M.M. Awarded To B.E.F. Captain

LONDON, Jan. 30 (British Wire- less).—According to Press reports, the first immediate award in the field to an officer serving with the B.E.F. has been made to Captain J. A. MacKenzie, of the Gloucester Regiment. Capt. MacKenzie has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous daring and resource.

It is learnt that the exploit for which the award has been made occurred during one of the night patrols which are now regular events for British troops in the front line.

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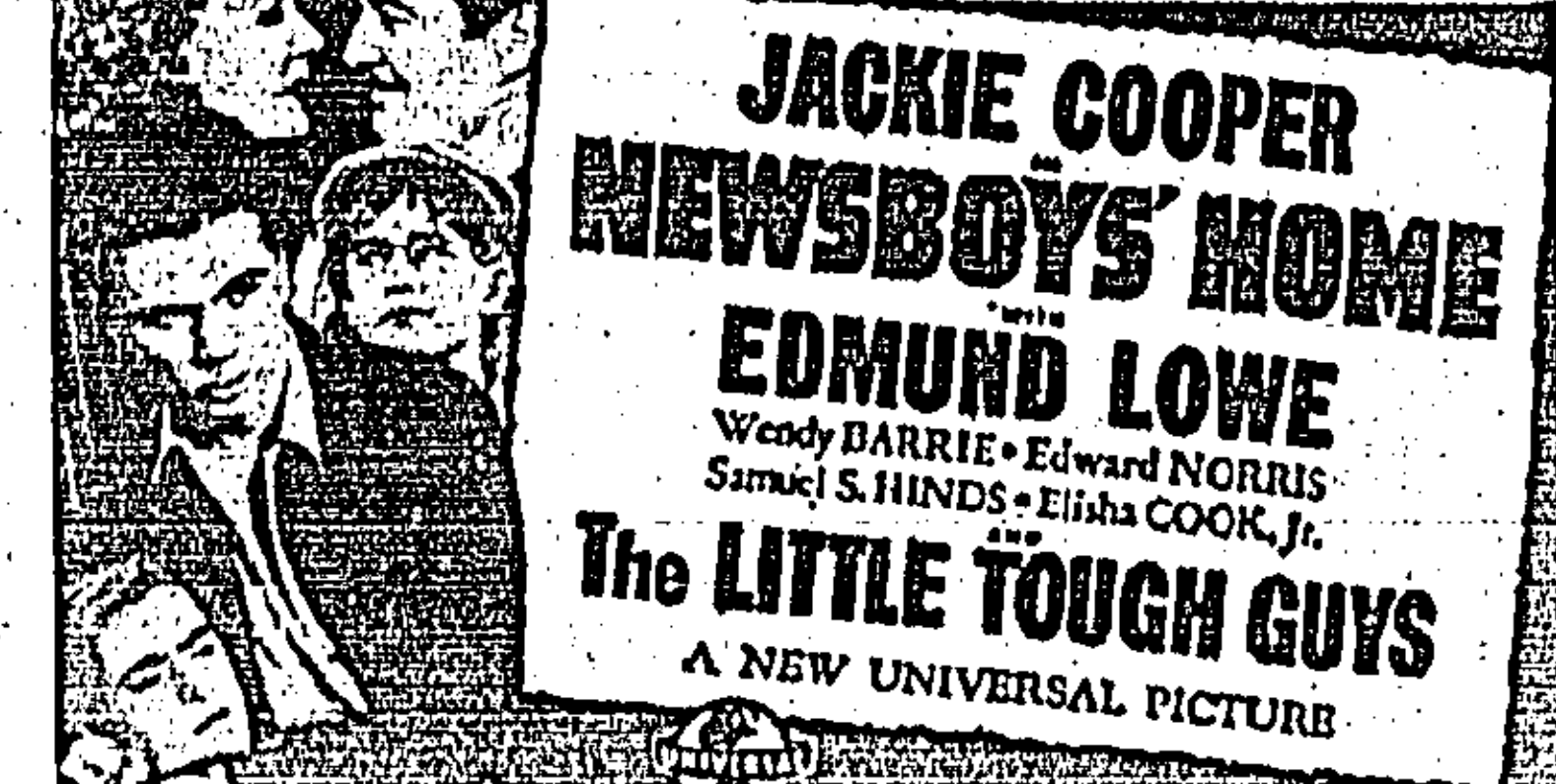
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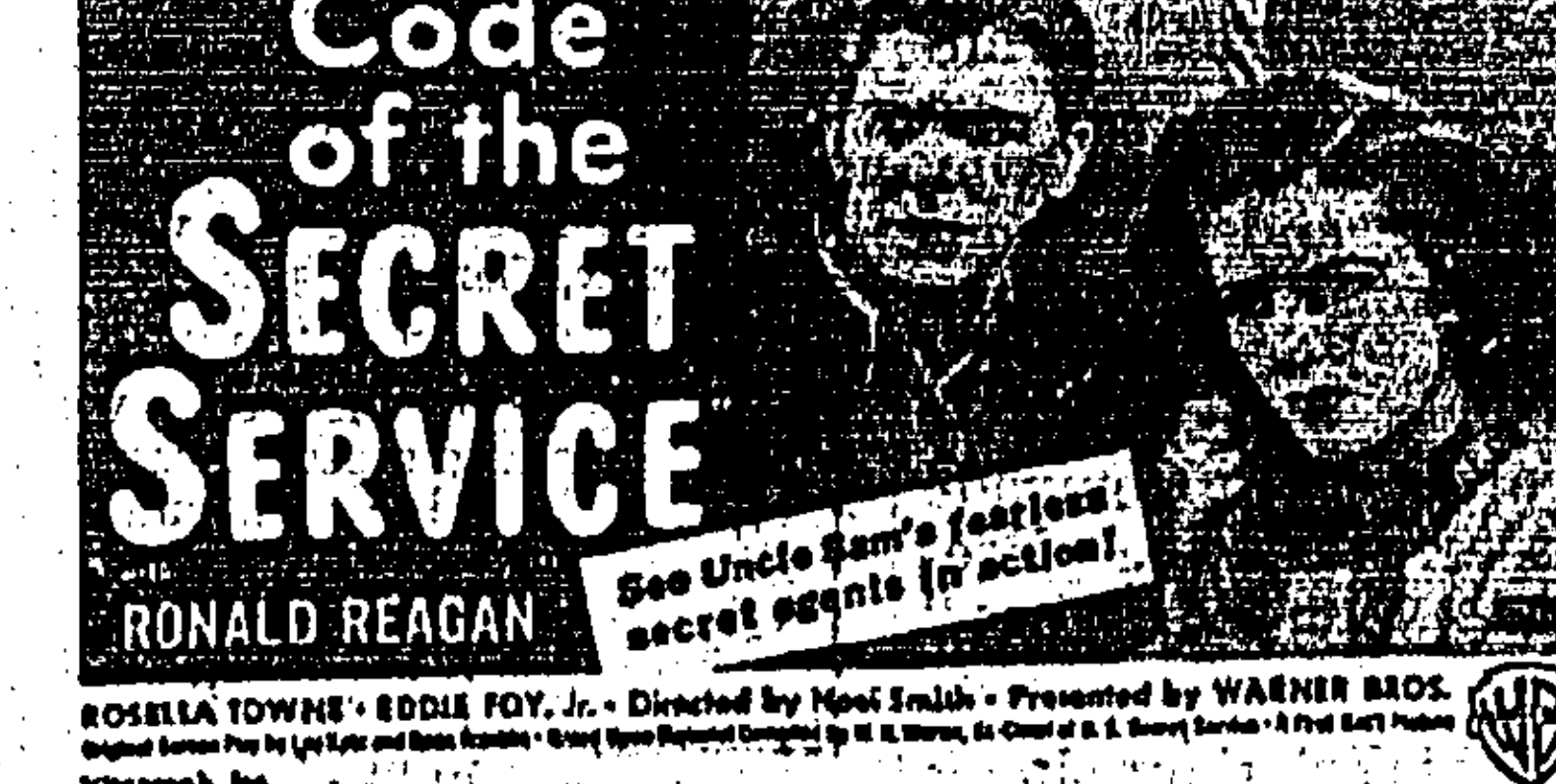
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MOSCOW ATTACK ON ITALIANS

MOSCOW, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Moscow newspapers make bitter attacks on Finland, Italy and the Allies.
The "Trud," organ of Russian trade unions, declares the "heroes of Caporetto" and warns Italy against joining the Allies or breaking the alliance with Germany, reminding Italy of the ungenerous treatment she received at Versailles.

"Pravda" warns the Italian volunteers reported to be in Finland that the "sons of Caporetto" and Gundalajna will be repeated in Finland.

ANTI-COMINTERN PACT REPORT

ROME, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Although no official denial is obtainable, authoritative circles here deny the Japanese newspaper report that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, has suggested to Japan a fresh anti-Comintern Pact.

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The Russian plan is expected to be to concentrate overwhelming

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NAZI PLANES ATTACK SHIPS ALONG 500 MILES OF COAST

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Orkney Islands in the north to the mouth of the Thames in the south.

Surprise For Raiders

The German raiders received a surprise when they attacked shipping along 500 miles of the British coast. Owing to European winter in 40 years, the German Air Staff no doubt assumed that Britain's fighter force would be immobilised.

But from Aberdeen to the Kentish coast, fighter Command patrols were ready to drive off the German raiders, 20 of which flew towards the coast, looking for unarmoured British and neutral merchant ships.

Convoys Beat Off Attacks

A number of merchant vessels and lightships were attacked. Some of these were in convoy and the naval escorts drove off the enemy with anti-aircraft fire.

From a North of England fighter station, two pilots went off at midday and in spite of visibility brought down a Heinkel bomber which had been trying to destroy a helpless fishing boat.

Almost at the same time, another Heinkel was intercepted by fighters off the Firth of Forth as it was trying to bomb a merchant ship.

The fighters fired a burst of bullets and put the German rear gunner out of action before the Heinkel dived into the cloud.

Shetland Raids A Failure
Three German warplanes dropped 12 bombs but all fell into the sea, states the latest reports from the Shetlands which were unsuccessfully attacked on Monday.

There were three attacks, each made by one machine, a terrific barrage from land and sea A.A. guns. This is how the official D.N.B. (quoted by "Reuter") describes the North Sea air battles:

"While on the western front there is only weak isolated artillery fire with no particular effects, the German air force has struck courageously blows with bombers against British outposts, boats and armed merchantmen."

"The Germans extended their reconnaissance from the south-west coast of England to Scotland. Despite bad weather, which greatly increased the difficulty of the fliers, German planes attacked and advanced posts and bombed the entire length of the British east coast."

(Messages from U.P., Domet and Reuter.)

Attacks Repeated
LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Nazi aircraft to-day repeated the attacks they made on Monday on British and neutral shipping in British waters.

On Monday, with bombs and machine-guns they attacked ten merchant ships and two light ships. The only ship which has so far been reported lost is the Jersey Queen, a small ship less than 1,000 tons, whose S.O.S. was heard at another ship was being attacked nearby.

A life-boat was put out to the rescue.

Latvian Ship Beached
One of the ten merchant ships was the Tautilla, a Latvian vessel of 3,700 tons, which was beached.

A member of the crew who walked ashore from the beached ship said that he had been knocked out during the attack and when he came to, he found himself alone.

Sixteen members of the crew have been landed by life-boat but it is feared that seven or eight are missing. Six bombs were dropped.

Only one British ship, the Eston of 1,400 tons, was sunk yesterday.

Trawlers Machine-Gunned
LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—It is now revealed that several trawlers were machine-gunned and bombed by German planes yesterday. None of the trawlers was lost.

The slipper and mate of one of the trawlers were killed by machine-gun fire.

The sound of explosions of gunfire were heard at 4 p.m. in Great Yarmouth due to an attack made by a German plane on a British trawler.

The trawler fired back and drove off the plane, later making her way safely and undamaged into the harbour.

Nazi Plane Downed
LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that an enemy aircraft was shot down by a Royal Air Force fighter command aircraft off the East Coast early this afternoon.

"Reuter" is authoritatively informed that the plane was shot down

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1940.

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What to do to help a child

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

NEWSPAPER SUSPENDED.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31 (Domet).—The Chinese vernacular newspaper "Chung Mei Jih Pao" has been suspended from publishing for two weeks by order of the S.M.C.

The order was made because the newspaper published a photographic reproduction of the agreement between Wang Ching-wei in its issue yesterday.

The same reproduction was published in Hongkong in the "Ta Kung Pao" and the "Hongkong Telegraph."

off the coast of Northumberland.

Yarmouth Hears Bombs
LONDON, Jan. 31 (UP).—Among the several bombing raids yesterday was one off peaceful Yarmouth, where the inhabitants were startled by the sound of several heavy detonations at 5 p.m.

It is believed in Yarmouth that the explosions were caused by Nazi planes bombing British ships.

People on the sea-front believe they saw the flashes from a gun, about a ship replying to the German bombs.



Army's First Casualty List

East Lancs. Captain Among The Dead

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 30 (UP).—The War Office to-day issued the first casualty list of war losses up to December 31, which total 758 names.

Officers killed at sea aboard the Yorkshire (which was torpedoed en route from the Far East to England) numbered three.

Fifty-eight other officers died in the course of their duty.

Among the N.C.O.s and men, five are reported to have been killed in action, five were killed at sea aboard the Yorkshire, one died from wounds, 24 are wounded, one aboard the Yorkshire missing at sea, and a total of 661 killed.

Aboard the Yorkshire the following men were killed:

Captain F. W. Beer of the 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire.

Lieut.-Col. W. L. E. Reynolds, R.A.M.C.

Lieut.-Col. H. Cornford, R.A.O.C.

Lieut. W. C. Allaway, Royal Tank Regiment.

Lieut. A. E. Bond, Royal Norfolk.

Pte. D. E. Handy of the Gloucestershires.

Pte. J. Brownhill, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Pte. W. Bradley, R.A.M.C.

Among the missing from the Yorkshire is listed Warrant Officer A. C. Barber of the Army Educational Corps.

Three Women Casualties

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The War Office has issued the first casualty list of the present war up to December 31 which comprises 758 names.

Of these, 719 died, one died of wounds, 24 were wounded, one is missing and 13 were killed.

The deaths included three women, of whom one was a nurse and the others members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

The names of those killed include three officers, five non-commissioned officers and men and one missing, all of whom were aboard the Yorkshire when she was sunk in the Atlantic.

The names of 57 officers appear under the heading of "Died."

Among those named in the death-roll are 27 Royal Corps Signals, 150 Royal Artillery and over 70 Royal Engineers.

The casualty list includes the names of several members of the Home Service Defence Forces.

Policy For Issuing Casualty Lists

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Asked what policy it was proposed to follow regarding the publication of casualty lists, the Secretary for War (Mr. Oliver Stanley) in the House of Commons to-day said that the urgency of publication would depend upon the numbers of casualties.

The lists would be of arbitrary lengths, covering casualties in all theatres of active operations. They would not refer to any particular engagements.

Casualties would be published under three general headings, "Killed," "Wounded and Missing."

Usually no indication would be given of the precise date and circumstances in which a casualty occurred. No casualty was published until the next-of-kin was informed.

The first list would be published to-morrow.

Big Toll From Accidents

The list of deaths from accidents and diseases may seem a long one, but having regard to the large number of personnel serving and the period covered by the list, the number of such deaths was not larger than to be expected in the circumstances.

There had been no undue number of deaths from disease although there had been a regrettable number from traffic accidents.

Mr. Stanley believed that the House would appreciate that there was a strict limit to the amount of detail that could be disclosed in the casualty list without giving useful information to the enemy, and he hoped that this would be borne in mind if the lists did not appear to be as informative as the member wished.

It is pointed out that 118 died on active service from accident or disease and that only 40 British soldiers were killed or wounded in action.

THE WORDS OF ADOLF HITLER

1924—"Part of the secret of being believed lies in the size of your lie, since the broad masses of the people will more easily be taken in by a big lie than a small one."—From "Mein Kampf."

LAST NIGHT—"Britain has had 300 years of producing war aims, since she is the country which has waged most of the wars of the world. Germany cannot be beaten."

'YAH,' SHOUTS THE FUEHRER AND YES-MEN ECHO 'JA!'

BERLIN, JAN. 31 (UP).—SHRILL, AT TIMES SCREAMING, SLIPPING BACK INTO THE AUSTRIAN ACCENT HE HAS TRIED HARD TO UNLEARN, HERR HITLER, SPEAKING AT THE SPORTS PAVILION LAST NIGHT, DECLARED WAR ON BRITAIN FOR THE NTH TIME.

Shouting at the top of his voice, he launched vituperative attacks on Chamberlain and Churchill—arch-enemies of Nazi Germany.

"My confidence in our ultimate victory is supreme," he said. "Soon we shall speak in a language which the English will understand."

OBEDIENT CHEERS

Again and again, the Fuehrer abused Great Britain, British statesmen, British freedom, British culture. And again and again the Nazi comrades cheered obediently.

It was as though their leaders were screaming "Yah"—and they were saying "Ja" in chorus.

Some of the Fuehrer's choice observations are given below. There were many others.

Germany, which had had fifteen years of opportunity to learn the democratic ideal in its pure form was the only logical successor to that "worm-eaten system."

Britain had issued "most marvellous war aims, since she was the country which waged most of the wars in the world."

"We have been promised a golden age by Britain a good many times before," he cried.

"Chamberlain's worn-out records have been played too many times."

"These people will feel the full force of German might."

"France, too, will feel the power of Nazi arms."

Hitler promised continued friendship with Italy and the Soviet.

"Our friendship with Russia has removed any fears of an attack on the Reich from the rear during the war."

Hitler promised, and proceeded to forget that Russia also had treaties of Non-Aggression with Poland and Finland.

"Bible-Carrying Chamberlain"

"This bible-carrying Chamberlain sought to reach an agreement with atheist Stalin."

"Now, I understand, he is angry because I succeeded where he failed."

"I think God will be satisfied that a battle has been avoided on one big front."

"Germany and Russia have lived together in peace for years. This will continue to be the case."

"That murderer Churchill is now longing for the next phase in the war. When it comes he may not be in such a longing mood."

"No matter how many years this war lasts, Germany cannot be beaten."

Arrogant English

Britain, he claimed, had betrayed European progress.

"These arrogant English are pursuing their selfish aims at the expense of other nations."

"Their talk of a united Europe is an old story."

"England has tried continually to prevent the establishment of a consolidated Europe."

"We have grown strong and nothing can defeat us."

"Those who wanted war now have war."

"We can tell the French that they, too, will have war."

Nazi Anniversary

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Hitler gave his speech at a meeting at the Berlin Sports Palace to-night, which marked the seventh anniversary of the Nazi revolution.

It was his first big speech since the Munich bomb explosion.

Germans had sufficient experience of the democratic idea in the past, he said.

"They had had 15 years' opportunity of coming to know the democratic ideal in its pure form. They were the only successors of democracy."

Referring to Britain's "most marvellous war aims," Hitler said that Britain was very experienced in the production of war aims since she was the country which waged most of the wars in the world.

Our War Aims

"These war aims say that the new Europe will have full justice and that this general justice will make armaments superfluous. Therefore general disarmament will follow."

Hitler said that the Treaty of Versailles had declared that no nation had suffered more severely from economic depression than Germany.

Not one Englishman during those 15 years remembered Christian love and mercy.

THESE SMILING AIRMEN ATTACKED HELIGOLAND



"THUMBS UP." Say these smiling R.A.F. men, who have just returned from a recent attack on the Nazi base at Heligoland—Domet.

European Lady Fights With Armed Intruder

WHEN a Chinese intruder, in the Warrant Officers quarters at Scandal Point drew a .22 automatic pistol, Mrs. A. M. Estall wife of Sergeant Major Estall, seized his arm as a shot was fired.

Fortunately the bullet was deflected into the floor.

On Monday at 10 a.m. a young Chinese dressed in European clothes entered the mess room. When asked what he was doing there he said he was looking for his mother.

Searching the intruder's pocket, Mrs. Estall found a silver chain and two medallions which had been taken from the amah's room. Sending her 14-year-old daughter to get assistance from the military barracks outside and saying that she had sent for the Police, Mrs. Estall was confronted by the automatic.

While Mrs. Estall was recovering from shock, the man escaped. An alarm was raised and several soldiers chased him uphill. Wearing light rubber-soled shoes, he was drawing away from his pursuers in heavy rubber-soled shoes when Cpl. Laurie, of the Royal Scots, was hailed further up the hill. Laurie was warned that the Chinese was armed but quickly stopped him.

The incident at Scandal Point had a sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning when a 17-year-old youth appeared on four charges.

He was Lau Po-lau, alias Paul Lau. Lau was charged with the larceny from the Warrant Officers quarters at Scandal Point of a silver chain and two medallions. A second charge was that he was in unlawful possession of an automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition.

Two further charges alleged that he shot at Mrs. A. M. Estall with intent to harm her and also with intent to resist arrest.

Sub-Inspector Goodwin prosecuted and was granted a week's remand.

Nothing seems to have been spared. In addition to towns and villages, isolated farms, and peasant homes were ruthlessly attacked.

It is announced that between January 21 and 27, some 3,000 bombs fell in Finland, killing 24 and wounding 55 in 46 different localities, the objects including two hospitals.

It is stated that 1,250 Russians were killed at the front last Sunday.

Bomphlets On Leningrad

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Italian volunteers, plotting Italian and British bombers, last night flew over Leningrad, dropping leaflets.

The flight was separate from the Finnish raid on the naval base at Kulsamo, where warships were bombed.

The Italian airmen report that Leningrad and district were completely blacked out.

Raid Resumed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (UP).—Despatches from Vilpuri (Viborg) report the resumption of Russian air raids on a major scale in southern Finland.

The toll of civilian lives is believed to be mounting in perturbing fashion. Material damage is also reported to be extensive.

21 Planes Shot Down

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 30 (UP).—Today's official communiqué is as follows:

"Twenty-one Russian planes have been shot down in the past 48 hours in southern Finland."

"The new Russian offensive north-east of Lake Ladoga has been re-

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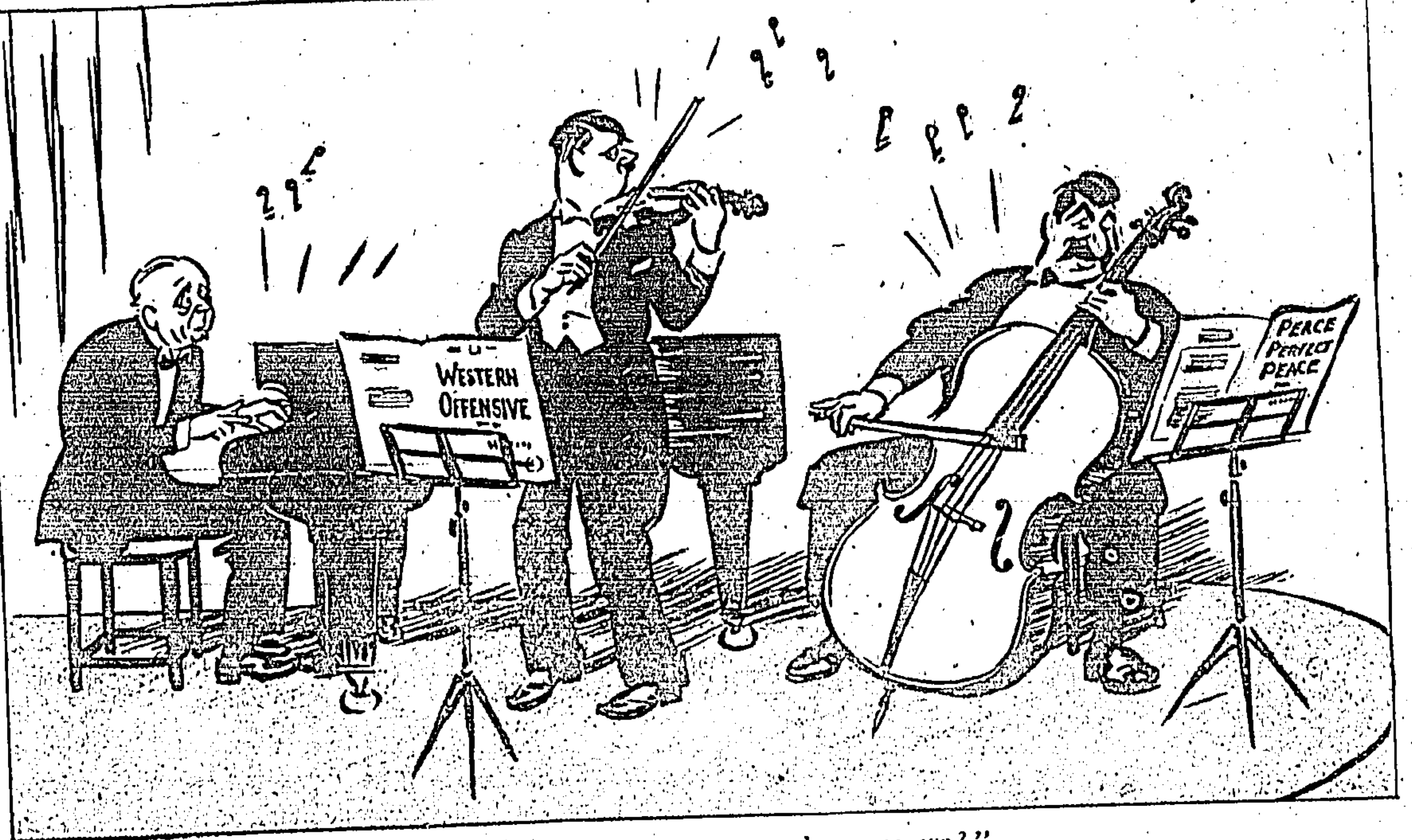
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Maximum Food Production

WITH five months of the war behind us we may feel some confidence that measures have been taken in good time to produce more food from Britain's own soil. The Minister for Agriculture has already reported that the results of the Government scheme for ploughing up 2,000,000 acres of rough or worn-out grassland before next summer had been "inspiring." In the last war it took four years to complete an equal task. In this case the importance of the farm was foreseen, and the plan to restore the fertility of pasture in the spring was set going before the war. Even when it is carried out much more will remain to be done, for the amount of our arable land was at the beginning of the year more than 2,000,000 acres less than in 1914. Sir R. Dorman-Smith has announced another ploughing campaign for the year after next spring, if the war continues. Whatever its course, we shall certainly be required to make the most effective use of all our resources with the least possible delay. None of them has been so long neglected or is capable of such great expansion as agriculture. Millions of acres of second and third-rate grassland, it is officially estimated, are now yielding only a fraction of the human food and animal feeding stuffs which they once provided.

The present objective of agricultural policy is rightly defined as the maximum increase in the productivity of the soil and the maximum economy of shipping and foreign exchange. Britain imported last year 7,500,000 tons of animal food. The more nearly farmers, whether milk or meat, can eliminate these imports by providing for their stock from their own land, the better for the nation. By the first ploughing programme agricultural dependence on foreign supplies should be much reduced. There is no intention now of demanding that wheat should be grown on land which will not give a good yield. As to prices, the farmer must have a reasonable return. The Government plan of taking control of the whole output of the land provides for that, and ought to ensure that there are no exaggerated increases.

In the case of milk it has been decided that the present level of retail prices shall be maintained at the cost of "temporary assistance" from the taxpayer to the producers. The cost of this was calculated by Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Co-operative spokesman, at \$3,000,000 for the projected three months,



BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT

The Lesson of 1914-1918

RECENTLY Mr. Lloyd George told the country what steps he took to speed up our war effort when he became Prime Minister twenty-three years ago. But he did not recall that some of his most notable contributions to our success in the war were made before he became Prime Minister. In particular, his work in speeding up munitions had already produced great results by December, 1916.

During the first nine months of the war, the British Army were slow to realise the part that would be played by heavy artillery in trench warfare. In the early months very few contracts were placed—except for field guns and howitzers, which were ordered in sufficient numbers to keep pace with the growth of the New Kitchener Armies.

But deliveries were slow and the supply of ammunition, which had not been ordered in anything like sufficient quantities, was badly in arrears.

IN the late spring of 1915 the army for which provision was being made was one of thirty divisions. Between August, 1914, and the First of June, 1915, orders had been placed for 110 heavy howitzers of all calibres. By June 30, 52 howitzers had been issued to the Army, most of these being converted naval or coast defence guns.

The Ministry of Munitions was formed at the end of May. In the third week of June an important conference, attended by a representative of G.H.Q., was held in Boulogne between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Thomas, the French Minister of Munitions, at which, among other matters, the requirements of artillery were discussed. The principal suggestion put forward at this meeting by the French experts was the revolutionary one that the number of heavy guns (6in. and upwards) in the field should equal the number of field guns.

These discussions at Boulogne, which reflected the influence of these discussions at Boulogne, instead of "siege artillery" being moved as hitherto from one part of the front to another, he asked that each division and army corps should have its own establishment. He therefore asked for one 60 pdr. and one 6in. howitzer battery per division, and two batteries of either 8in. or 9.2in. howitzers for every corps of three divisions.

This programme was to be carried out as soon as possible and during the next winter every effort should be made to double this establishment by the spring of 1916 "if the war should continue so long."

Finally, he asked that this establishment should be provided on the basis of 50 divisions in the field by March, 1916.

ON June 30 this letter was forwarded to the Ministry of Munitions with a covering letter stating that if the Ministry were able to meet Sir John French's request, some further guns would be needed for forces in other fields and to provide for wastage. A table was therefore annexed showing requirements for 70 divisions.

Within a week, preparations were begun in the Ministry to allocate orders and for helping manufacturers to provide labour and machinery for this programme. But in August, Mr. Lloyd George, who was still dis-satisfied with the contractors' promises, raised the programme to a basis of 100 divisions plus an additional margin varying from 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. for various types of gun.

By the end of August, the programme was finally settled on the basis of a manufacturing programme of 2,655 heavy guns and howitzers. This was nearly six times as many as the total number of heavy guns and howitzers in existence or on order at the time the Ministry came into being.

The programme for light field guns and howitzers was also increased, and arrangements were at once put in hand to bring fresh firms into the business of gun manufacture. An ammunition programme to match this great equipment and provide a greatly increased ration per gun per day, was also organised, with all its associated demands for explosive, fuses, instruments of precision, raw materials and additional labour, both skilled and unskilled.

That it made it worth while to instal new machinery on a larger scale and so hasten the dates at which large deliveries could be made in the critical months of 1916.

FOR nearly 12 months the Lloyd George Government was the subject of strong criticism in the House of Commons. Lord Kitchener told the Cabinet that it would never be possible to train artillery officers to handle so vast an equipment.

Mr. McKenna protested that it imposed an undue strain on our finances and in particular that dollars would not be available to pay for the necessary raw materials, and nitro-cellulose from America.

The Board of Trade objected that it was diverting too large a proportion of our resources from commercial work which was needed to maintain our economic life and in particular our export trade.

Finally the programme was opposed by almost every other Government Department on the ground that it monopolised too large a proportion of British labour.

But thanks to the support of Mr. Asquith, the programme was maintained in spite of all efforts to curtail it; and the rapidly growing output of guns and shells enabled the British Army to take the offensive on a grand scale in July, 1916, thirteen months after the Ministry was established.

THE complete justification of Mr. Lloyd George's foresight quickly followed. Between June and October, 1916, the following successive demands were made upon the Ministry of Munitions:

At the end of June the French began to express alarm at the rapid rate at which their guns were wearing out as the result of the terrific firing in the battle of Verdun. Preparations were therefore put in hand for relining and renewing artillery on a very great scale.

In the second week of July the Commander-in-Chief wrote demanding a further big increase in the standard establishment of heavy artillery, to be reached in two stages. The Ministry was able to reply that for the heavy programme was covered by orders already placed and that only a small deficit remained to be covered in the case of 6in. howitzers.

Early in August, G.H.Q. asked for a large number of the

3in. 20cwt anti-aircraft guns to protect the whole of the front. A few weeks later the Home Defence Command submitted a similar demand for anti-aircraft guns for London and vital points in this country.

Finally, in the early autumn the Cabinet decided to arm all British merchant ships and requested the Ministry to allot to the Admiralty gun-making capacity for 10,000 guns.

These demands put a very great strain upon the plant capacity that had been organised by the Ministry. But in spite of difficulties, these demands were almost completely met in 1917.

But the pressure did not cease even with the great effort of that year. Early in 1918 the munition programme of the United States, which had entered the war in April, 1917, was falling far behind schedule in spite of the fact that many American firms had been manufacturing for the Allies for the previous two years.

The delay was chiefly due to the unwisdom of the American War Department to turn over the American factories that had been busy on British and French munitions orders in previous years to American types and calibres and to introduce a third pattern of equipment into France. The "change-over" in the factories and the inevitable delays in getting production going on a fresh set of products paralysed production for many months.

In the spring of 1918, therefore, it was decided to equip the American Army in Europe with French field guns and British heavy artillery and ammunition of 6in calibre and upwards for the whole American Army.

THE requirements of this war are very different from those of the war of 1914. In particular, our resources have to provide much more formidable machines and more personnel for the war in the air and for anti-aircraft defence. But it is patent to everyone that we are as yet very far from having called on the full resources of the country.

There are two lessons to be learned from the munition story of 1916. One is that imaginative planning is an essential of victory. The second is that "Where there's a will there's a way." Once again, speed in action is vital; for the sooner we reach the peak of our effort the sooner the war will end. The call may involve discomfort and sacrifice. But, if it is made in the right way, the response will be as overwhelming as it was twenty-five years ago.

NEW CHINESE OFFENSIVE IN HUPEH: JAPANESE UNITS ARE BELEAGUERED

"Central News" reports from Ichang state that fighting has again assumed serious proportions on the Kingshan-Chungsiang highway in Central Hupeh as Japanese units beleaguered at Sunkiao, west of King-shan, and at Yangtzuoh, north-east of Chungsiang, commenced an offensive on Monday in an attempt to break through the Chinese cordon.

The same reports stated that the Japanese have not made any headway. In fact, the units near Kwangshui, on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, 89 miles north of Hankow, have been defeated. Pursuing the retreating Japanese, some Chinese troops have broken into Yangchatsai, north of Kwangshui.

In north-east Hupeh, Chinese forces have been attacking the Japanese near Macheng, 87 miles north-east of Hankow.

Hanchow Activity

The Chinese have also intensified their activity around Hanchow. A Chinese unit forced its way to Kungshengshui in the northern suburb of the beautiful West Lake city on January 26 and had a fierce engagement with the Japanese. A number of enemy light machine-guns and rifles were captured.

Another battle is raging in Suiyuan as Japanese forces in Paochow, terminus of the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway, after having been heavily reinforced, commenced a two-pronged drive last Saturday. One Japanese column is pushing west along the Paochow-Wuyuan highway while another has crossed the Yellow River to attack the Chinese positions at Wulashan and the vicinity.

This Chinese claim, however, that the Japanese have sustained serious losses at Wulashan and that their offensive there is fizzling out. Reinforcements are being brought in from Paochow.

Interning The Belligerents

Latest Pan-American Regulations

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—With the view to making internment regulations uniform, the Pan-American Neutrality Commission sitting here has drawn up proposals which will be recommended for adoption by all participants in the recent Panama Conference.

Under the proposals, every neutral State shall intern until the end of the war persons belonging to belligerents who arrive at a neutral State either individually or collectively.

Vessels considered as war auxiliaries shall be included in this arrangement.

The wounded or sick of a belligerent power may be permitted to pass through neutral territory. Wounded or sick brought by the enemy shall be interned.

Belligerents' victims or wrecks shall be interned.

Individuals physically incapacitated and unable to participate in the war shall not be interned.

AMBASSADOR RECALLED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 30 (Dncl).—According to reliable information, the British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Seeds, is to be recalled home in February.

Diplomatic circles attach significance to this report, in view of the unfavourable relations between Great Britain and Russia as a result of the hostilities in Finland.

Japanese Consuls Get Together

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—Japanese Consuls throughout China are arriving for to-morrow's opening of the two-day conference called by Mr. Kato, Minister-at-Large. The head of the Foreign Office China Affairs Bureau, Mr. Akiyoshi Tsuru, arrived by plane from Tokyo yesterday.

It is unconsciously stated that the conference will discuss means of improving relations with third Power nationals in China.

EMBEZZLED \$150

Charged with embezzling \$50 from Tong Yiu Lin, medicine dealers, and \$22 from Wing Sang Wo, wine dealers, on December 23, Fan Chu-fai, 36, salesman, was fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. Edwards at Central Magistracy this morning.

Sgt. Cullinan said Fan had collected the money from the two firms, and had spent it on his own business.

GALA PREMIER OF "JUAREZ" WILL ASSIST INTERNATIONAL PEACE HOSPITAL

The patrons of the gala performance of "Juarez" at the King's Theatre on February 6 will be assisting the International Peace Hospital.

The support of this Hospital has been a truly international effort. It was founded as the result of a resolution of the Conference of the International Peace Campaign in Paris in July 1938. At the first units of the scheme, a field hospital was established at Wutashan, Shensi, and base hospitals in North Shensi and South Anhwei.

The Wutashan station was under the direction of a Canadian surgeon, Dr. Norman Bethune, who had already served in Spain and was accepted as head of the first Canadian-American Medical Mobile Unit to China. On November 13, 1939, Dr. Bethune gave his life in the service of the wounded and sick soldiers and civilians in his area.

His place has been taken by a famous Czech surgeon, Dr. Frederic Kisch, who arrived in Hongkong in June 1939.

Why Support is Needed
Since June 1939, donations and supplies have been through the Hospital's sponsors, the China Defence League, from Great Britain, the United States, Canada, France, New Zealand and Norway. The support has come mainly from Great Britain—and this support will continue, but not to the same extent owing to the war in Europe. It has therefore been necessary to make an appeal in Hongkong in order that the service to the wounded and sick may be continued.

The sponsors of this performance wish to thank Warner Brothers, the King's Theatre, and every person who intends to be present on behalf of the suffering in China.

Over Crowding Offence

Principal Tenant Fined \$150

A further example of the overcrowding in Chinese tenements in Hongkong was revealed before Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning. A Kwok Kwoi, married woman, was summoned for failing to comply with an Urban Council notice to remove a number of excess cubicles from the second floor of No. 237 Hollywood Road.

Sanitary Inspector T. H. W. King said Kwok was the principal tenant of the floor, and was allowed three cubicles, but had eight on the floor. Kwok had been given 21 days to remove the excess cubicles.

Defendant's excuse was she did not know the regulations, and the extra cubicles were needed because of the high rent she had to pay. A fine of \$20 was imposed. On defendant pleading that she was a refugee, and had no money, she was given two weeks to raise the amount or serve three weeks' hard labour. An order was made for the excess cubicles to be removed within 24 hours.

Balkan Entente Conference

ANKARA, Turkey, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—M. Sarajoglu, the Turkish Foreign Minister, left here this afternoon at the head of a Turkish delegation for a conference of the Balkan Entente at Bucharest. He will visit the Bulgarian Prime Minister in the course of his journey.

Balkans Not Menaced
BELGRADE, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—"There is no menace to the Balkans," declared the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, Cincar Markovitch, according to the newspaper, "Naplo."

The meeting of the Balkan Entente on Friday "will produce no surprise or sensational results," he added. M. Markovitch said that the disturbing rumours now current were without foundation. He continued: "It is necessary for the Balkan countries to collaborate in the economic field as the war is being conducted by economic means, and the Balkans are the cross-roads of the continent."

RANGOON RIOTS CONTINUE

RANGOON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Despite speeches made by responsible leaders, the Hindu-Muslim disturbances are continuing. Up to the present, 12 lives have been lost and 600 arrests have been made.

Mr. Nelson Johnson In Hankow

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANKOW, Jan. 30 (UP).—Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador, stated that he visited various ports en route to Hankow. He did not observe any fighting and the trip was an uneventful one. The Ambassador declined to comment on the political situation or the re-opening of the Yangtze.



Paul Muni (right) as he appears in the name part of the Warner Bros. film "Juarez."

GLOOMY FUTURE FOR SHANGHAI DOLLAR

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31, (Reuter).—An interesting examination of the future prospects of the Shanghai dollar is made by "Finance and Commerce," the leading financial weekly, in a review of the local exchange market for the week ending January 27.

Referring to the number of small selling orders from Hongkong which supported the market during the week, the paper states that continued selling from this quarter caused some surprise in view of the stricter exchange regulations in the Colony, but adds that the influence of forward contracts must be taken into consideration, in which case selling is likely to grow less as time passes.

If H.K. Withdraws Support
The paper draws the conclusion: "If support from Hongkong, which had such a beneficial effect on Shanghai rates in the months past, ceases altogether and there is nothing to take its place, lower levels on the exchange market would appear inevitable."

Turning to the trend in trade, the "Finance and Commerce" points out that exports are not yet flourishing and the stocks of necessities are apparently so low that imports have to be purchased whatever their cost in dollars.

The periodical goes on: "Real prospect of peace would undoubtedly introduce a firmer note, but it does not appear to be believed that the Central Government under Wang Ching-wei would bring about any radical change in the existing situation. Generally speaking, the opinion which prevails in financial circles is that lower rates are probable after the Chinese New Year."

Shot Police Sergeant Evidence Given At 'hai Inquest

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Testifying as a witness at the inquest on the death of the Shanghai Municipal policeman, Duncan E. Crank, 21, a probationer sergeant, a Chinese constable, Sung Ze-jing, yesterday told the British Coroner that the shot he fired at Crank while arresting a man at the Post Office here was purely accidental.

Crank received a gunshot wound in the chest while trying to settle a quarrel in the General Post Office on January 10. He was a Shanghai boy and a former pupil of the Shanghai Public School.

MAY STOP NAZI SOYA SUPPLIES

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Stratus asked whether, in view of the great importance of soya beans in the German war of economy, the Minister of Economic Warfare would reconsider his decision, not to ration the quantities imported by contiguous countries.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare, answered Mr. Stratus that the matter would be under constant review and that appropriate measures would be taken if the occasion arose.

GANDHI TO MEET THE VICEROY

NEW DELHI, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Mahatma Gandhi will have an interview with the Viceroy on February 5. Considerable importance attaches to the conversation owing to the critical stage reached in the political controversy in India since the outbreak of war.

WHO WAS "JUAREZ"?

This is how General Diaz explains the personality of his leader, President Benito Juarez, to Emperor Maximilian in the Warner Bros. production which will open on Tuesday, February 6, at the King's Theatre in a gala charity premiere for the benefit of the International Peace Hospital which H.E. the Governor has kindly consented to attend.

Mme. Sun Yat-sen, General Wu Teh-chen and other Chinese notables will head the list of those present at the New Year Gala Performance, for the benefit of the same hospital, on Thursday, February 8th at 11.00 a.m.

"Benito Juarez"
An ugly little man in a black frock-coat.
He was born in misery.
To live on a few grains of corn a day.
He laboured for an education.
He used it to help his own people.
And they elected him as their representative.

He was imprisoned and exiled by a dictator.
But he helped to destroy the dictator and free Mexico.
He wrote the Constitution.
He became President of Mexico.
He ruled it justly and well, till traitors
And land owners and speculators brought European-rules.
Dictators to depose him."

Hongkong's £10,000 To B.W.O.F.

The second donation of £10,000 is being sent to England to the Offices of the British Red Cross Society and St. John's War Organisation Fund. Of this sum the following amounts have been earmarked for special purposes:

- £122-15-3 from the St. Andrew's Society for Scottish Units.
- £52-19-10 from The Royal Artillery (Hongkong Regt.) for Royal Artillery Units.
- £11-10-0 from Kowloon Docks Recreation Club for St. Dunstan's Home.
- Bridge and Mahjong Drive

The American Women's Working Party gave a successful Bridge and Mahjong Drive on January 26, at the American Club. One hundred and fifty ladies were present.

Lady Northcote kindly presented the prizes which were won by Miss Morgan, Telfer, and Turnbull for bridge, and Misses Li Shiu-pan, Walkden and Sinclair for Mahjong. Miss Wright received a prize for the hidden number.

Thanks to the generosity of the American Club, which provided tea, and of various ladies who gave prizes and cakes, there were no expenses, and a cheque of \$810 has been sent to the British War Organisation Fund.

Nazi Plane In Luxemburg Landed By Mistake

LUXEMBURG, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—A German reconnaissance plane flew over Luxemburg on Monday and landed some two miles from the German frontier.

The occupants of the plane asked where they were and, on being told they were in Luxemburg territory, hurriedly took off again.

Dutch Protest To Berlin
AMSTERDAM, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Government has protested to Berlin over the violation of Dutch territory yesterday by German planes.

The planes flew over central and north-eastern Holland and were chased off by Dutch air patrols.

CHILDREN WHO WON'T EAT

There's nothing so wearing for a mother as a child who won't eat well. Usually such a child is the "nervy" highly-strung type. He picks at his food, looks pale and loses weight.

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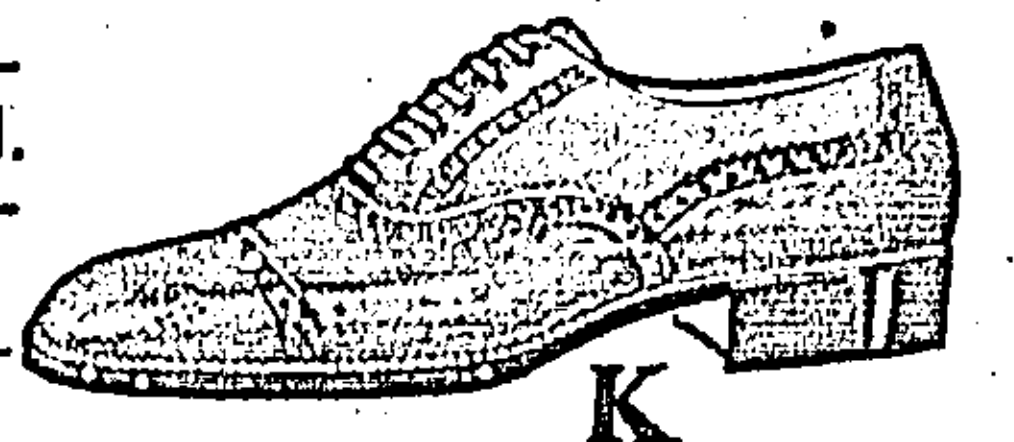


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Around The Courses CAMP AND COMPETITIONS CLASH AT COUNTRY CLUB

Excellent Achievements Of A.E. Davies At The Kowloon Golf Club

(By "Birdie")

THE CO-INCIDENCE of Volunteer Camps and competitions have set a problem for the Committee of the Country Club, Shoungshiu. Competitions, as I have remarked before, are in full swing. The first rounds of the men's foursomes and the Club championship have been played, while the first round of the Captain's Cup will be played on Sunday.

The rule is rigidly enforced at the Club that matches cannot be played off after the date arranged by the Committee, and, consequently, for a player who may have qualified for the Captain's Cup, and who may have won his first round match in the foursomes, the penalty of having to concede walks-over in both competitions would be rather hard.

For the Captain's Cup, arrangements could have been made to play off at an earlier date, but regarding the foursomes the same could not have been for the first round was played off on Sunday last only. The Volunteers went into Camp yesterday, and unless, therefore, a second round match had been played off on Monday, or a Volunteer was able to obtain leave from Camp on Sunday, there would be no help for him.

No one can anticipate winning a match, and unless the Committee make some sort of ruling regarding the matter, the latter people may probably not consider it worth entering the competitions, if they are likely to be forced into giving walks-over. There was nearly such a case over the coming week-end, but, fortunately, neither side are able to play. It is one way of evading an awkward rule.

The rigidity with which this rule is enforced can be gathered from the fact that in a final last year, a pair conceded a walk-over because through totally unforeseen circumstances one of the players was unable to attend.

THE bald announcement the other day that A. E. Davies had won the final of the Club Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club conveyed nothing of the closeness of the match beyond the fact that the game was won on the 36th hole. Davies actually beat R. K. Collings 2 up.

Collings turned one up, but at the 23rd Davies, who is a Petty Officer of the Royal Navy, had evened matters. It was then a ding-dong struggle until Davies became dormie on the 35th, leaving Collings with one stroke to go. Davies dormie one, but on the last hole the champion laid his approach shot six inches from the cup and sank his putt for a birdie 3 to win the hole and match.

With a handicap of 14 last year, Davies won the Junior Championship of the Kowloon G.C., and during the summer went on to annex the St. John of Jerusalem Trophy. His handicap was reduced to 9, and at Fanning in October he won the Visitors' Cup.

His present handicap is 6, and it is very seldom in any Club that one finds a Junior Champion of the previous year winning the Senior Championship the succeeding year.

THE results of the foursomes and championship matches

SPORT ADVTS.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

INTERPORT MATCHES

Hong Kong v Saigon.
Thursday, February 8, 1940.

Eastern A.A. v Saigon.
Friday, February 9, 1940.

South China A.A. v Saigon.
Sunday, February 11, 1940.

All matches will be played at Caroline Hill at 3.30 p.m. each day.

Reserved seats:—Covered stand \$2.20, Uncovered stand \$1.10.

Booking now open to the Public at Messrs. Moutrie and Co., Ltd. and Messrs. China Sports Co.

Badminton

Council Arrange To Hold Colony Championships

DESPITE the possibility of postponements due to the Volunteer Camps, the Council of the Hongkong Badminton Association decided at a meeting in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post Building yesterday to hold the annual Colony championships this year. The Rev. Mr. J. R. Higgs presided, assisted by Mr. S. A. Gray, Secretary.

Forms will be sent to the various Club secretaries, and entrants will be asked to fill in the dates when they will be at Camp. The sub-committee, comprising Messrs. Ollivier, Bentley, Lui, Fisher and Gray, would then try and fix the matches accordingly.

The conditions and sections will be the same as last year, with a fee of two dollars for single, and four dollars for each doubles team entrant. The closing date for entries was fixed for February 18.

ORDER OF PLAY

A QUERY regarding the order of play in matches was brought up by Mr. Gray, who stated that there was no official ruling on the point. After some discussion, the Chairman, Mr. Higgs, recommended that the Chair visiting clubs be given the courtesy of playing in rotation.

The Council members present were Messrs. F. H. Kwok, O. el Arcuili, Hin Peng-kwan, Benjamin Kwai, Lau-lui, A. L. Fisher, C. E. Wong, P. H. Wong, H. A. Noronha, and John A. Chan.



John Bromwich and Adrian Quist, Australia's two-man tennis team who took the Davis Cup from America last year. Both are now engaged in military service, and the question of the defence of the Cup, if the non-combatant nations desire a competition this year, immediately concerns them.

Good Shooting At Saturday's Rifle Meet

SIXTY-FOUR MEMBERS attended the Hongkong Rifle Association's spoon and practice shoot at Stonecutters on Saturday. Some good scores were obtained, although some were troubled by a slight wind. The light was good up to the 600 yards, the last detail being unfortunate in this respect.

Sgt. R. J. Heap, of the R.N.R.S., topped the aperture sights class with 88 securing a possible at 500 yards, although the poor light robbed him of his century at 600 yards. Some good scores were registered in the open sights class. Sgt. M. F. Rushman, of the R.N.R.S., obtaining 84, while Q.M.S., J. Ball and Sgt. Major Maalen had 80's.

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SHANGHAI INTERPORT FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—The Shanghai Football Association has selected the following team to meet Hongkong next week: W. Ward (Municipal Police); G. Collet (French Forces); Sgt. N. Harrison (Surreys); Y. Segalen (Association Sportive Francaise); N. Z. Lee (Lido); J. Ward (A.S.F.); Captain: F. Foy (St. Francis Xavier); Bdm. H. McLary (Surreys); V. Robostoff (A.S.F.); K. S. Suen (Lido); C. T. Tsao (Lido). Reserves: Sgt. J. Campbell (Seasuen); A. S. da Costa (Lusitano); H. C. Collico (Lusitano); Cpl. Parr (Surreys); V. K. Hyat (Lido).

The combined foreign team selections are:—M. Souza (Lusitano); E. Viala (Municipal Police); Sgt. J. Campbell (Seasuen); M. Greenberg (St. Francis Xavier); Pte. Jelly (Surreys); A. S. da Costa (Lusitano); Captain: Cpl. A. Parr (Surreys); H. C. Collico (Lusitano); H. Cochran (Thomas Hanbury School); Pte. Fraser (Seasuen); M. Karilivh (St. Francis Xavier); Reserves:—L. Rozario (Lusitano); Cpl. McCusker (Seasuen); Pte. A. Page (Surreys); H. England (Heerelo); Mingozzi (Heerelo).

CRITICS' COMMENTS

Interport XI As Strong As Could Be Chosen

SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—The majority of critics approve the interport team, which is as strong as could be chosen, although there is argument regarding George Collet gaining the full back post instead of Sgt. Campbell, who played grand football throughout the season but was badly off-colour during Sunday's trial.

Some favoured the veteran Adidi Costa over N. Z. Lee, but the latter showed superior speed and more robust tactics and therefore won the centre half post.

With the exception of the soldiers and also the youthful French lad, Segalen, all the others have played in previous interports. Jimmie Ward, who is captain, is a brother of Willie Ward, goalkeeper, and Jack Ward, at present in Hongkong.

Critics say the team is excellent in all departments with excellent defenders and an extremely speedy and tricky attacking forward line with such deadly sharpshooters as "Blondy" Robostoff and Freddie Foy.

COMBINED XI "RAGGED" THE SELECTORS are rapped as regards the combined foreign team which critics claim, to be an extremely ragged side with men thrown together without any idea of formation, and even where the men will dovetail well in order to reveal team work. Many believe the team is over-individualistic to be effective.

The interport is set for 2.30 p.m. at the Canidrome on February 8, the all-star Chinese for February 9, and the combined foreign team for February 11.

Shanghai is confident of beating Hongkong, but writers are advising players not to underestimate the abilities of the opponents, despite the lack of Chinese star and criticism of the team in the Hongkong papers.—United Press.

Hongkong F. A. Council Meeting

The Council of the Hongkong Football Association will meet next Monday, February 5, when the draws for the semi-final rounds of the Senior and Junior Shield competitions will be made.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Teams

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches this week: XI, (v) ground, 5.15 p.m.—Dewell (Capt.); Jordan and Perry; Smith, McCallan and Tomlinson; Maery; Gemmell; Taylor, Combe and Baldwin. XI, (v) ground, 7.15 p.m.—Dewell (Capt.); Jordan and Youriel; Bates, McCallan and Colledge; Maery, Gemmell, Taylor, Waldron and Combe. Saturday 2nd XI, v. R.A.O.C. (v) ground, 3.00 p.m.—Clegg; Kitten and Perry; Smith, Tomlinson and Broch; Stone, Dorrer (Capt.), Spare, Greenberg and Danke.

Secretary Leaving

Mr. A. F. Austen, for the past three seasons Hockey Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. is leaving shortly for England.



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Recreio Cricket XI

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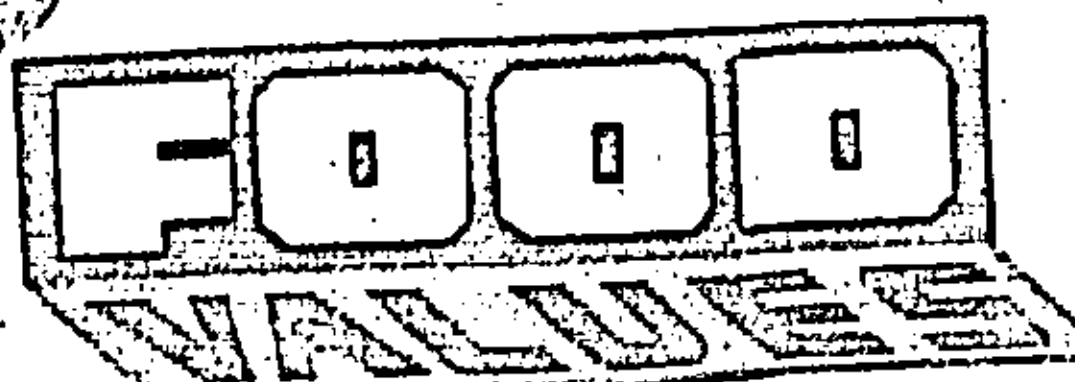
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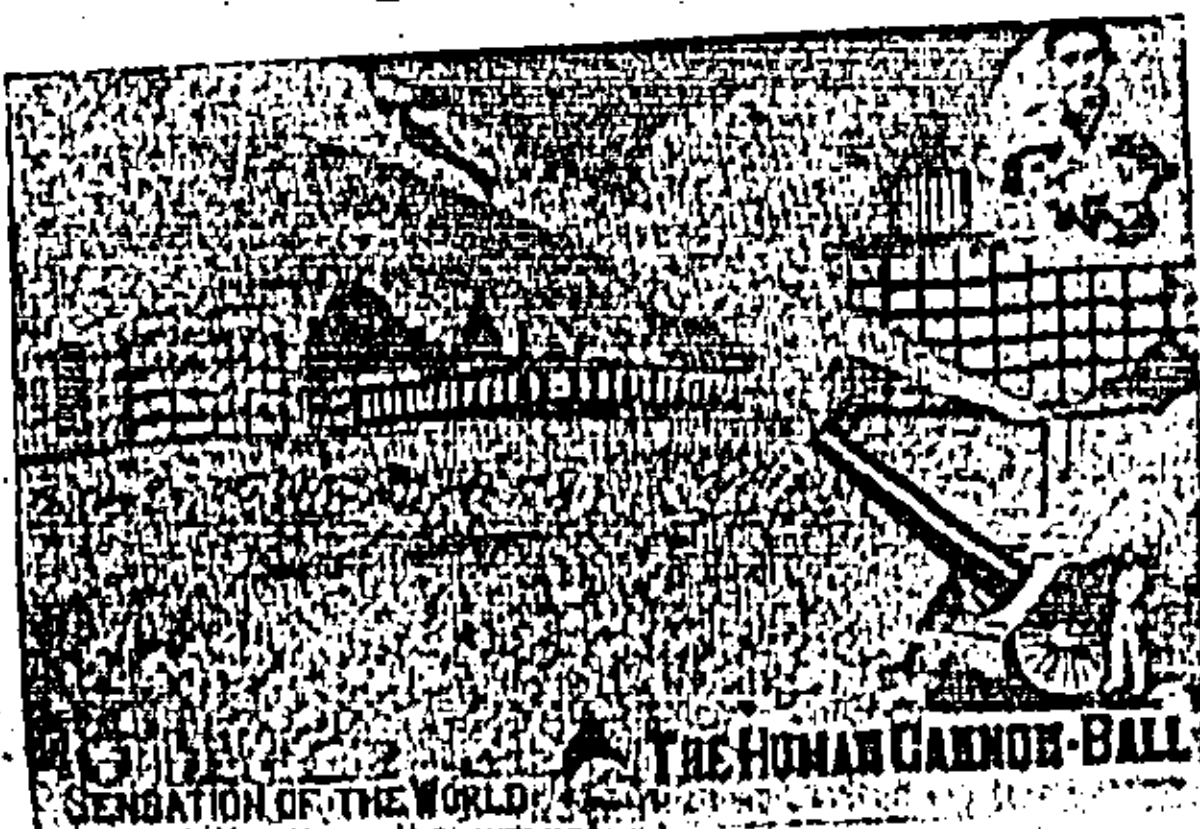
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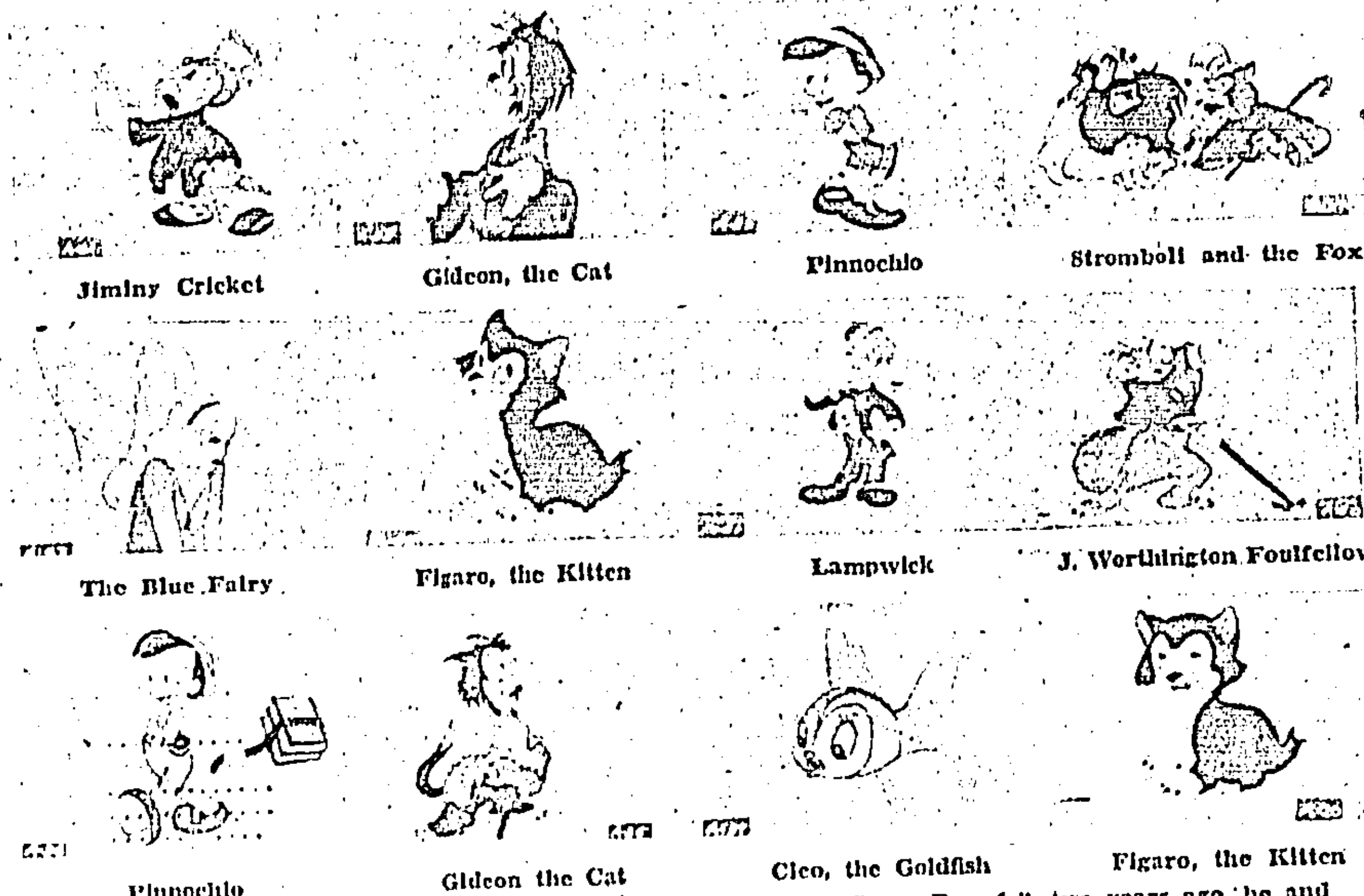
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Disney's 'Pinnochio'



Ever since Walt Disney released "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", two years ago, he and his thousand employees have been working on their second full-length feature. Now the 300,000 drawings for "Pinocchio" have been completed. The film will be shown in Hongkong some time in March.

The story of Pinocchio, the pine-wood puppet who needed a conscience, was written by an Italian, C. Collodi, in the 1880's. It has become a children's classic around the world. In Disney's film, the "Dopey" who may steal the show from Pinocchio is "Jiminy," a cricket.

Mexican Dancers

By "Previewer"

When war was declared and panic seized Paris, Mimi and Jose, famous Mexican dancers and singers, decided to cancel all their engagements in Europe and return to the Far East.

THEY hurriedly packed Mimi's latest evening gowns and set off for Spain with one small case. Sixteen cases containing all their possessions were left behind in their hotel at Paris. They have since heard that the contents of their boxes have been stolen.

Journey From Paris

On reaching the Spanish-French border, Mimi developed throat trouble and they were held up for several days in a small town. Eventually, they made their way to Venice and, after several weeks of waiting, boarded a steamer which took them to Singapore. There they appeared—for some weeks at the Raffles Hotel.

Last Saturday night, they made their debut at the Hongkong Hotel.

They intend to stay here for a month, leaving then for Manila and later for Colombo where they will appear during the Easter holiday season.

An attractive and likeable couple, Mimi and Jose have been entertainers for many years. Mimi a Dolores del Rio type of beauty, has travelled all over the world.

Her early years of training were spent in Mexico, New York and Barcelona.

Met In Manila

Four years ago, when visiting Manila, she met Jose who was then alone—his dancing partner having left to be married. They joined forces and have toured the world together.

Jose is an accomplished personage, too. As well as being an excellent pianist and dancer, he is a costume designer, a hat maker, a pharmacist and a good cook.

Their Hobby

Their work is dancing and singing but their hobby is physical culture.

"If we ever settle down," Mimi told me, "we will open a Physical Culture College. We are keenly interested in the subject having studied it intensively in Europe. We do not drink alcohol or smoke and all we think about is our health. We are also believers in nudism and hope some day to open a nudist colony. But that will have to be in a warmer climate than you have here," she concluded, laughing.



Mimi and Jose . . . their work is dancing and singing. their hobby is physical culture.

AT THE CINEMAS

Alhambra: "Newsboys' Home" (Edmund Lowe).
Oriental: "Eternally Yours" (Loretta Young, David Niven).
Majestic: "Keep Smiling" (Gracie Fields).
Queen: "A \$1,000 Touchdown" (Joe E. Brown, Martha Raye).
Kings: "The Real Glory" (Gary Cooper, Andrea Leeds).

So it's
not
adieu
to

RUMOURS about Greta Garbo retiring are as common as nuts in May.

Every time there is a big time-lapse between her pictures the story goes around that she is leaving Hollywood and the screen for ever.

Recently the old rumour raised its head again—and this time there seemed evidence to support it. But it isn't so. Certainly she's behind-hand with her work, but she is not through with the films.

Garbo makes two films a year. The first of the 1939 duo is "Ninotchka." It will be screened in Hongkong in March and the story goes that in it she scores one of the greatest successes of her career.

The second of the two has not yet been named. It was supposed to be "The Life of Madame Curie." That film may be postponed but it will not be abandoned.

If it is postponed she will star in another film so that there may be time for it to be put in shape.

Anna Neagle In Hollywood

ANNA Neagle, star of "Nurse Cavell," "Sixty Glorious Years" and "Victoria The Great," is at present in Hollywood where she is working at the RKO Radio Studios.

She is starring in musical comedy film, "Irene," with Herbert Wilcox directing.

The cast includes Ray Milland, Roland Young, May Robson, Arthur Treacher, Doris Nolan, Billie Burke and Isabel Jewell.

There was some talk that she would do a picture based on the life of the great comedienne, Marie Lloyd—maybe as a light relief from playing so many royal parts—but the idea was shelved.



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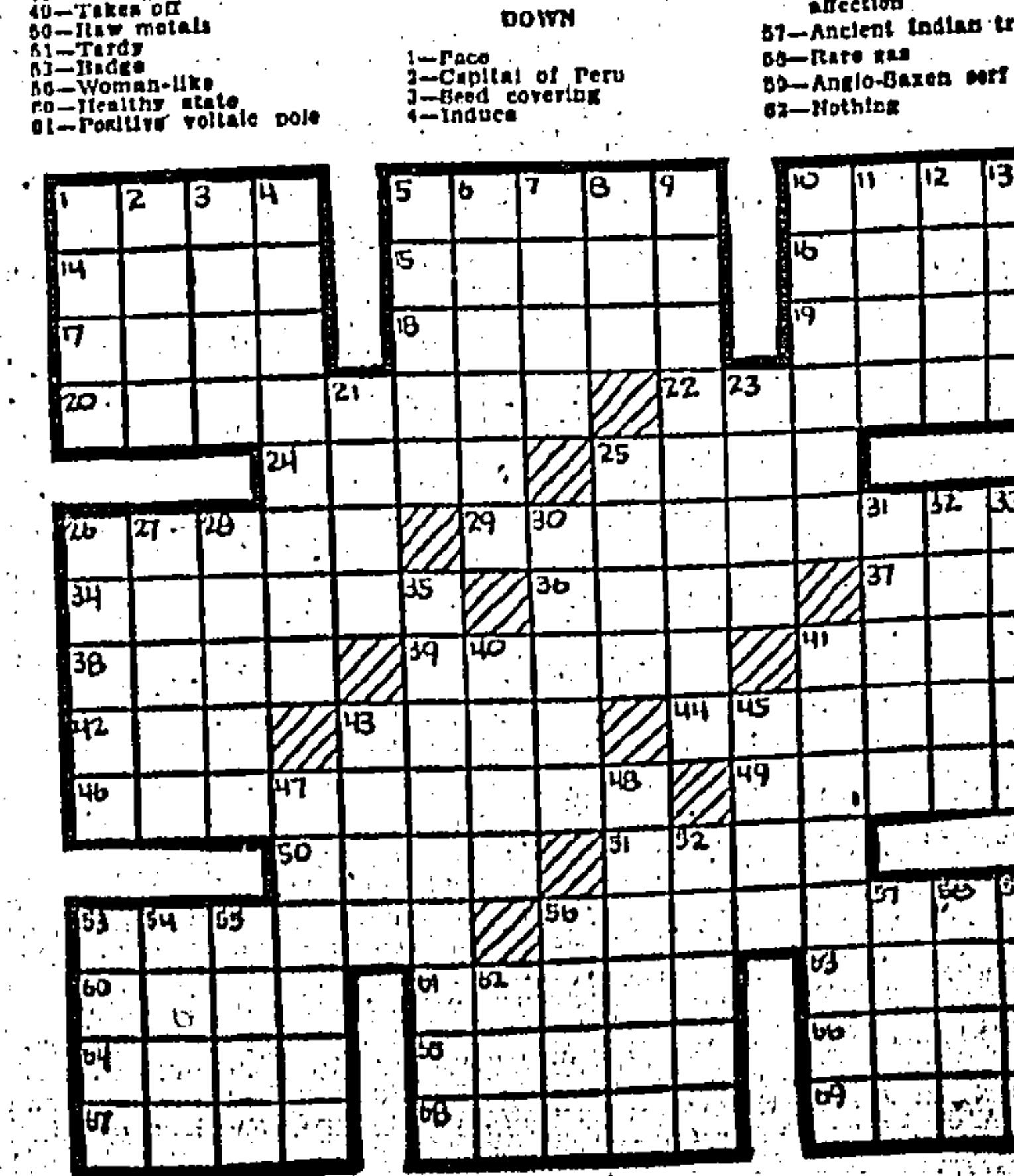
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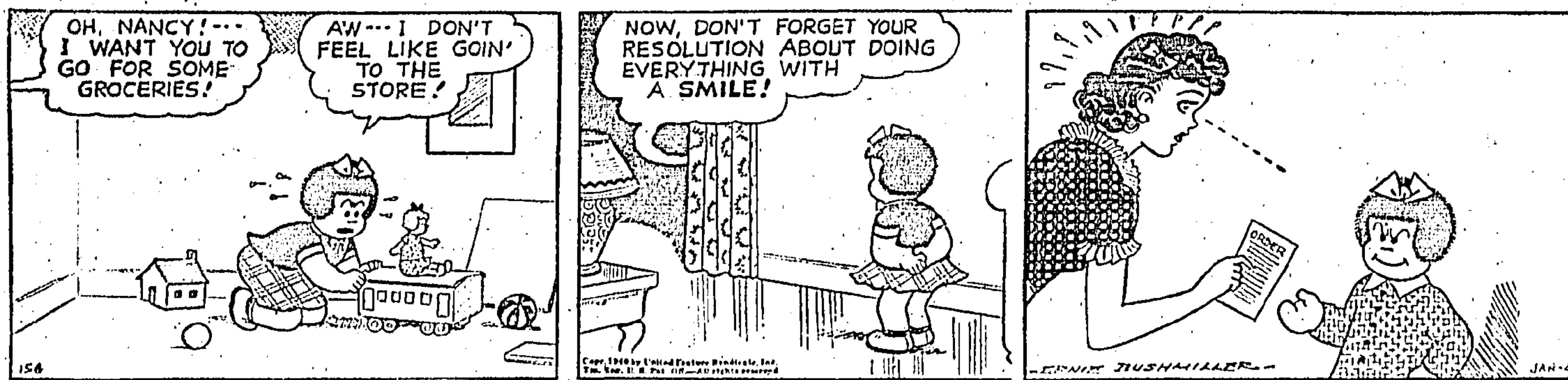
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- 10—Swamp on fishing rod
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- 18—Piece of parlor furniture
- 19—Quality of sound
- 20—Wooden fortification
- 21—Water speech
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- 28—Apparently favors both sides of
- 34—Idly boasts about
- 35—Dish
- 37—Fourth call
- 38—Red flower
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- 42—Daughter of Peneus
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- 53—Positive voltaic pole

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- 2—Device actuated by foot
- 3—Compound of oxygen
- 7—Charge with electricity
- 8—Arms
- 9—Remodeled
- 11—Told best
- 12—Little island
- 13—Bird of prey
- 15—Confederate general (poet)
- 21—Faction
- 22—Retreated
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

NINOTCHKA

Three Russian agents sent to Paris to sell the jewels of the former Grand Duchess Swana, find their deal with Mercier, the jeweller, blocked, when Count Leon d'Algot presents himself as the agent of Duchess Swana, with an injunction against the sale of the jewels, or their removal from France until a French court has heard the case. Count d'Algot, the lover of the Duchess, by means of champagne and a friendly manner, wins the confidence and liking of the Soviet agents, and he writes for them a telegram to the Commissar of the Board of Trade in Moscow suggesting a fifty-fifty split with Swana.

THE ENVOY

COMRADE IRANOFF was at the telephone when Comrade Buljanoff entered the Royal Suite two days later.

"You can't hurry such things, Leon. You must give Moscow a little time. Why don't you drop in later?" Au revoir.

"Mischa! Mischa!" cried Buljanoff excitedly. "Here's a telegram from Moscow! It must have been all day! It says: 'Halt negotiations immediately. Envoy Extraordinary arrives Thursday sixteen with full power. Your authority cancelled herewith. Razinin.'"

"This is Thursday!" exclaimed Iranoff.

"And it's six o'clock already!" said Iranoff.

"I always said it would be Siberia!" said Kapolski, entering the room. "Iranoff, tell the manager a Special Envoy is coming from Moscow and will occupy the Royal Suite and to move our things to the smallest room he's got. 'We'll have a taxi waiting in front.'"

The train had already arrived when they reached the station. Not knowing the name of the Envoy Extraordinary, they were trying to discover an authoritative, Russian-looking man among the scurrying passengers, when a woman with two suitcases addressed them.

"I am looking for Michael Simonovitch Iranoff," Iranoff acknowledged that he was the person she was looking for, and she continued: "I am Nina Ivanova Yakushova, Envoy Extraordinary, acting under direct orders of Comrade Commissar Razinin. Present me to your colleagues."

NERVOUSLY they shook her hand as Iranoff presented them, confused at finding the Special Envoy a woman, and fearful of what her instructions might be regarding them.

"What a charming idea for Moscow to surprise us with a lady comrade," said Iranoff.

"Don't make an issue of my womanhood. We are here for

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbous Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

work. Let's not waste time. . . Shall we go?"

Nina Yakushova stooped to pick up her suitcases, and Iranoff hastily called for a porter. She refused to surrender them.

"Why should you carry other people's bags?" she asked the porter.

"Well, that's my business, Madame."

"That's no business. That's social injustice. She even refused to let Kapolski carry the bags."

"How are things in Moscow?" asked Buljanoff to make conversation.

"Very good. The last mass trials were a great success. There are going to be fewer but better Russians."

The three Russians glanced at each other in covert panic.

In spite of the new Envoy's being all for business, she stopped before a hat shop in the lobby of the Hotel Clarence. "What's that?" she asked, indicating a hat.

"It's a hat, Comrade. A woman's hat," replied Kapolski.

"Ask, ask, how can such a civilisation survive which permits women to put things like that on their heads! It won't be long now, Comrades."



COMRADE Yakushova glanced around the enormous Royal Suite, and inquired seriously: "Which part of the room is mine?"

"You see . . ." began Iranoff diffidently, "it . . . it's different here. They don't rent a room in pieces. We had to take the whole suite."

"How much does this cost?"

"Two thousand francs."

"A week?"

"No, a day."

"A day! That is the price of a cow, Comrade Iranoff! If I stay here a week it will cost the Russian people seven cows! And who am I to cost the Russian people seven cows?"

"We had to take it on account of the safe," explained Buljanoff, visions of exile to Siberia in his mind's eye.

"I am ashamed to put the picture of Lenin in a room like this," said Ninotchka, nevertheless placing it on the desk. "Comrades, your telegram was received with great disfavour in Moscow."

"We did our best, Comrade," pleaded Kapolski.

"I hope so for your sakes. What did the lawyer say?"

"We didn't want to get mixed up with lawyers," said Buljanoff.

"They are very expensive here."

"We dealt directly with the representative of the Grand Duchess. If we call him I am sure he will give you a very clear picture."

Comrade Ninotchka sat at the desk and drew a sheet of paper before her. "I shall not repeat your mistake. I will have no dealing with the Grand Duchess nor her representative." She began to write. "Comrade Buljanoff, do you spell your name with one or two f's?"

"With two," stammered Buljanoff in fright.

"Comrades, I am not in a position to pass final judgment but at the best, you have been careless in your duty to the State. You were entrusted with more than a mere sale of jewellery. Our next year's crop is in danger and we know it. Unless we can get foreign currency to buy tractors there will not be enough bread for our people."

"We acted with the best intentions."

"We cannot feed the Russian people on your intentions: Fifty per cent. to a so-called Duchess! Half of every loaf of bread to our enemy! Comrade Kapolski, go at once to our Embassy and get the address of the best lawyer in Paris. You, Comrade Iranoff, go to the public library and get me the section of the Civil Code on property. Comrade Buljanoff, you might get me an accurate map of Paris. I want to use my spare time to inspect the public utilities and make a study of all outstanding technical achievements in the city."

SHE took a map of Paris from a suitcase and left them.

She was stepping off the safety line in the middle of the street in front of the Hotel Clarence when the signal for street traffic to go was given. She stopped back on the safe side, just as an old Count Leon d'Algot on his way to see the Soviet agents.

"You, please," Ninotchka addressed him imperiously. "Could you give me some information: how long do we have to wait here?"

"Well . . . oh, until the policeman whistles again."

"At what intervals does he whistle?"

"That's funny! I never gave it a thought before!"

"Have you never been caught in a similar situation?"

"Have I? Do you know, when I come to think about it, it's stag-

gering. If I add it all up I must have spent years waiting for signals. Imagine! An important part of my life wasted between whistles."

"In other words, you don't know."

"No."

SHE turned her attention away from him to the map in her hand.

"Can I help you?" asked Leon, deference in his voice.

"You might hold this map for me."

"I'd love to."

Ninotchka examined the map. "Correct me if I'm wrong—we are facing north, aren't we?"

"Facing north?" repeated Leon, bewildered. "I'd hate to commit myself without my compass. Pardon me, are you an explorer?"

"No, I am looking for the Eiffel Tower."

"Is that thing lost again?" Listen if you are interested in a view—

"I am interested in the Eiffel Tower from a technical standpoint."

"Technical? I couldn't help you from that angle. You see, a real Parisian only goes to the top of the tower in moments of despair to jump off."

"How long does it take a man to land?"

"Now that's too bad! The last time I jumped I forgot to clock

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SUSPECTED SPIES

Two Britons Sent To Prison

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Two men, Claude Felix Pierre Duvivier, born in Belgium and a naturalised Britisher, and William Alexander Crowle, an employee of the Devonport Dockyard, were each sentenced to six months imprisonment at Exmouth to-day. Part of the case was heard in camera.

Duvivier was charged with possession of a document containing information which might be useful to the enemy and acting preparatory to the commission of an offence under the emergency powers of the Defence Regulations.

Link With Fascists

Crowle was charged with communicating to Duvivier information which would be useful to the enemy. Duvivier was stated to have been a member of the Union of Fascists and another organisation known as "The Link" (formed for the purpose of strengthening Anglo-German relations).

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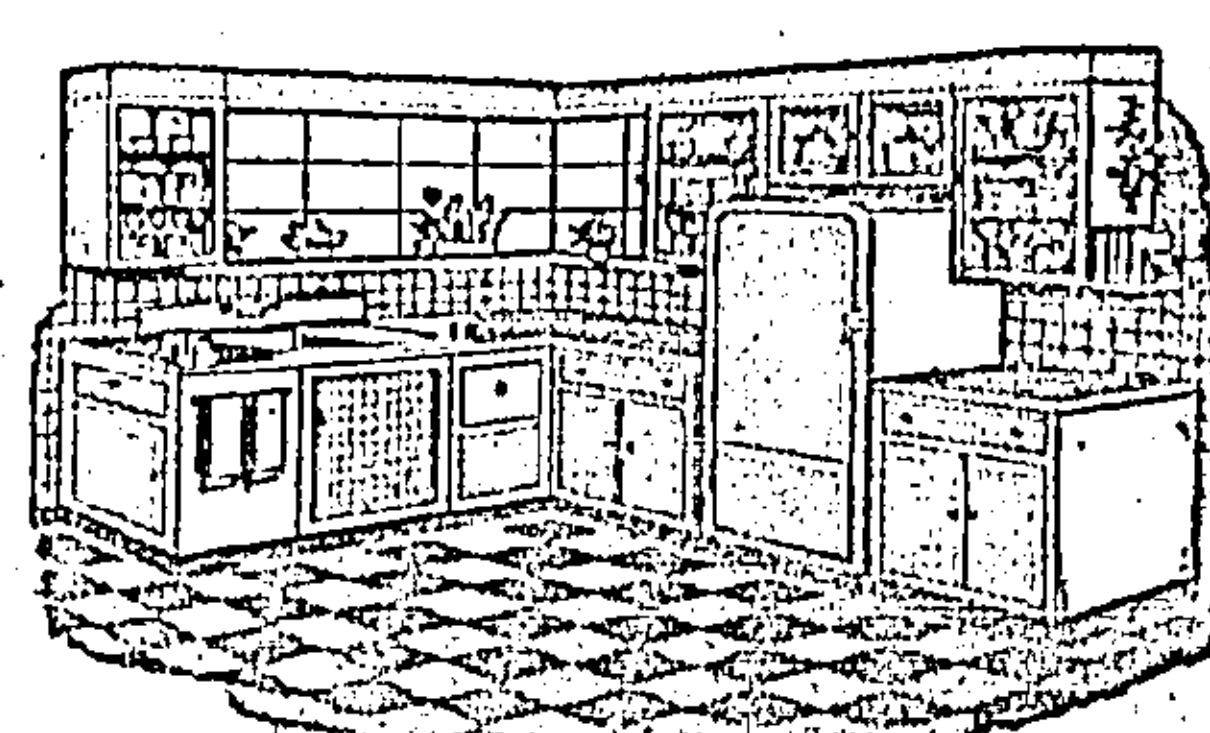
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MANILA, Jan. 30 (UP).—The first city under the American flag to celebrate President Roosevelt's birthday, Manila to-night staged a ball attended by 1,800 people which was the biggest in history. The attendance was stimulated owing to the recent outbreak of infantile paralysis. Mr. Francis B. Sayre and President Quezon headed the guests.

Spends Day Quietly

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt, 66 to-day, is celebrating his birthday quietly. His doctor says that the President

WINGSANG PROTEST

SHANGHAI, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Well-known representations were handed over personally by the British naval authorities to the Japanese naval authorities concerning the detention and search of the Japanese steamer Wingsang by a Japanese naval unit at Foochow on January 28.

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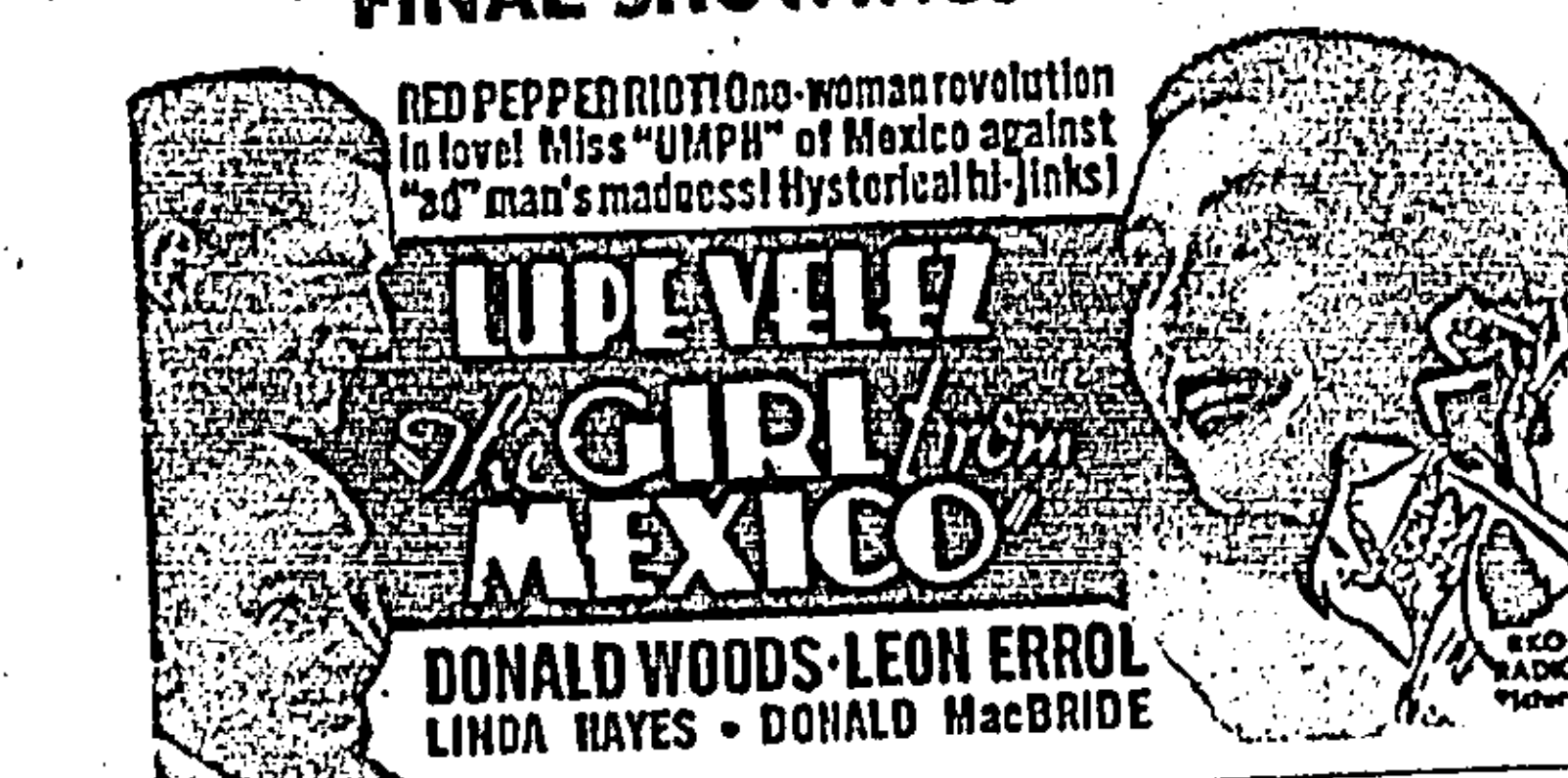


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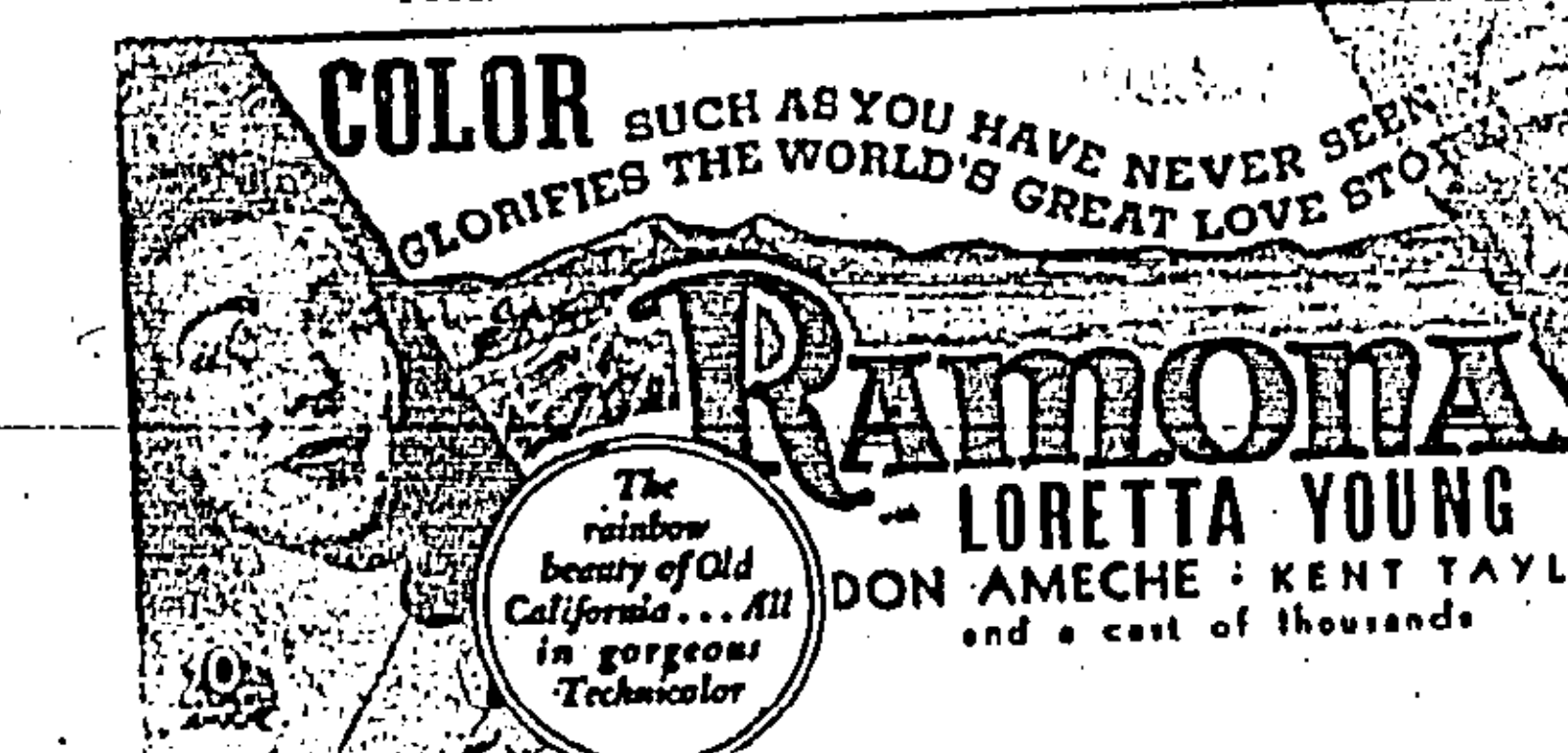
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U.S. To Construct 77 New Warships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Mr. Charles Edison, the U.S. Secretary of the Navy, said that the tendency to limit the size of a ship to the maximum named in defense treaties was unsound from the military viewpoint.

He explained that it was not intended politically to change the size of the two 45,000 ton battleships, for which funds have been requested, "but if it takes 50,000 tons to carry the guns and armor of a battleship, All right, I say."

Similarly it would be folly to weaken a heavy cruiser by restricting it to 10,000 tons if 14,000 would make it better.

77 New Warships
The programme recommends the construction of 77 warships as well as planes and auxiliary vessels.

The House Committee, however, is considering a two-year programme, providing only 21 new warships.

Mr. Edison declared that the Navy's realisation of the situation in 1940 made them believe that they should start building as promptly as fast and in as great a volume as is practicable.

LATE NEWS

London Reaction

LONDON, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—The London "Times" in an editorial on Hitler's speech, says that the tirade of boasts, threats and hatred is only interesting as an example of the systematic mendacity upon which German morale is apparently built.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "The screams last night were shrill and the abuse was a parody of itself. The more often Hitler makes such speeches, the more swift will be the twilight of Hitlerian darkness."

Each speech betrays the man's dread of British power and his consciousness of inferiority in the conflict he has provoked."

Paris Reaction

PARIS, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Hitler's speech is regarded in official and other circles as adding practically nothing new.

It is thought here that the speech indicates that the German military commanders are not yet prepared to forsake the path of caution and are anxious to have more time for diplomatic preparations.

It is pointed out that Hitler said nothing of Russia as a war ally; on the contrary, his reference to Italy are noted. It is thought that Hitler, on the eve of the Balkan conference, had obvious reasons for reminding Italy of her old friend.

Finn Losses Enumerated

HELSINKI, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that there have been 643 raids on Finland since the war began.

Over 20,000 bombs have been dropped.

The air raid casualties are 357 killed, 330 seriously injured and 585 slightly injured.

Three hundred Russian planes have been brought down and at least 800 Red airmen have been killed or captured.

There have been 24 instances of hospitals and churches having been bombed or machine-gunned.

Big Battle Begins

HELSINKI, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" Correspondent with the Finnish forces states that fierce fighting is now raging at Raasi, in central Finland, where the Finns have been entrenched since the end of December.

The correspondent adds that this promises to be one of the most important battles yet fought in this sector.

NEW RED OFFENSIVE IMMINENT

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forces in an attempt to break the Finnish lines and to smash through in a southerly direction while large Finnish forces are tied up on the Lake Ladoga front.

Reds Trapped
By WEBB MILLER
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FINNISH ARMY, Jan. 30 (UP).—Russian soldiers marching to the front lines were trapped by a sudden Finnish barrage last night.

The Finns concentrated their artillery fire on the Russian lines as the reinforcements were arriving.

The artillery section co-operated with the Finnish Air Force, which launched simultaneous bombing and machine-gunning operations against the marching Red reinforcements.

The Finnish airmen wiped out one column of about 800 men and shattered and dispersed a second column which was about a mile long.

The joint operations completely terminated Russian activity in this particular sector.

It is claimed that between 1,200 and 1,400 Russians were killed as a result of the operations.

Soviet Attacks Weaken
HELSINKI, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Soviet attacks on the Finnish front are becoming fewer and weaker.

Fighting is still centred in four major points, but the Finns are in possession of strong positions and can launch successful counter-attacks.

Deep snow is restricting the movements of the Soviet tanks.

The Finnish fort on Manteca Island near the north-east shore of Lake Ladoga has been shelled by the Russian rear lines.

The Soviet Army tried to capture the fort and several hundred soldiers were killed yesterday on the frozen lake.

The vital importance of personal initiative was emphasised by Marshal Mannerheim when he presented awards to-day to 2,500 Finnish soldiers.

Russian Attacks Repulsed
HELSINKI, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day states that a few enemy attacks to the north-east of Lake Ladoga have been repulsed resulting in heavy enemy casualties and the destruction of two Russian tanks.

The Red Navy, supported by aircraft artillery, attacked Manteca Fort but were repulsed.

On the Karelian Isthmus, the Finnish Coastal Force defended against several enemy batteries.

It is estimated that 200 enemy planes flew over Finland yesterday in the Abo Hangar Tamminari district. Pernia, two coast towns on the Gulf of Bothnia and a hospital were bombed while the Nurmes district was bombed several times.

21 Planes Brought Down
According to reports received up to now, more than 30 civilians were killed and about 50 wounded in yesterday's raids.

The Finnish aircraft bombed a certain harbour and the vessels lying there, enemy motor-tries, transport

BRITAIN IN ICE GRIP

Transport Services Dislocated

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The intensely cold weather is still dislocating transport, and railway communication with Scotland is impossible except by the East Coast route.

A new record for "the longest delay" was set by a train which reached Glasgow this afternoon after taking 45 hours to do the journey, which normally takes ten hours.

This is an extreme example but shows the kind of difficulties which long distance trains are experiencing.

Food Supplies Affected
The London suburban train service was bad on Monday and this morning, but a return to normal service is expected to-night.

The railway companies are giving preference to food and fuel.

The London-Midland-Scottish announces that a number of coal trains are coming down from the north and something like a regular service should be possible from to-morrow.

In the meantime, people are asked to economise and not to complain if they could not get exactly the food supplies which they want at the moment.

BIRTH
SALMOND.—To Isabel, wife of C. G. Salmon, Little Estate, Kegalle, Ceylon, on January 14, 1940, a daughter.

FINNS NOT AFRAID

HELSINKI, Jan. 30 (UP).—The news of yesterday's air casualties has not frightened the Finns although it is stressed that the need of adequate armament with which to combat the invaders is more urgent than ever.

A Finnish air expert said: "I am sure that if we could get a fair number of new fighter planes, the Russian aviators could never repeat yesterday's feats."

The damage done to property at Turku yesterday was the heaviest of the war with the exception of the bombing of Filling on November 30 when 55 were killed and 80 wounded.

columns, troops quarters and railway stations.

It is claimed that 21 enemy planes were shot down with the loss of only one Finnish plane.

The Russians did not break through in the north-east of Lake Ladoga as reported this morning.

They are moving forward, but the Finns are resisting.

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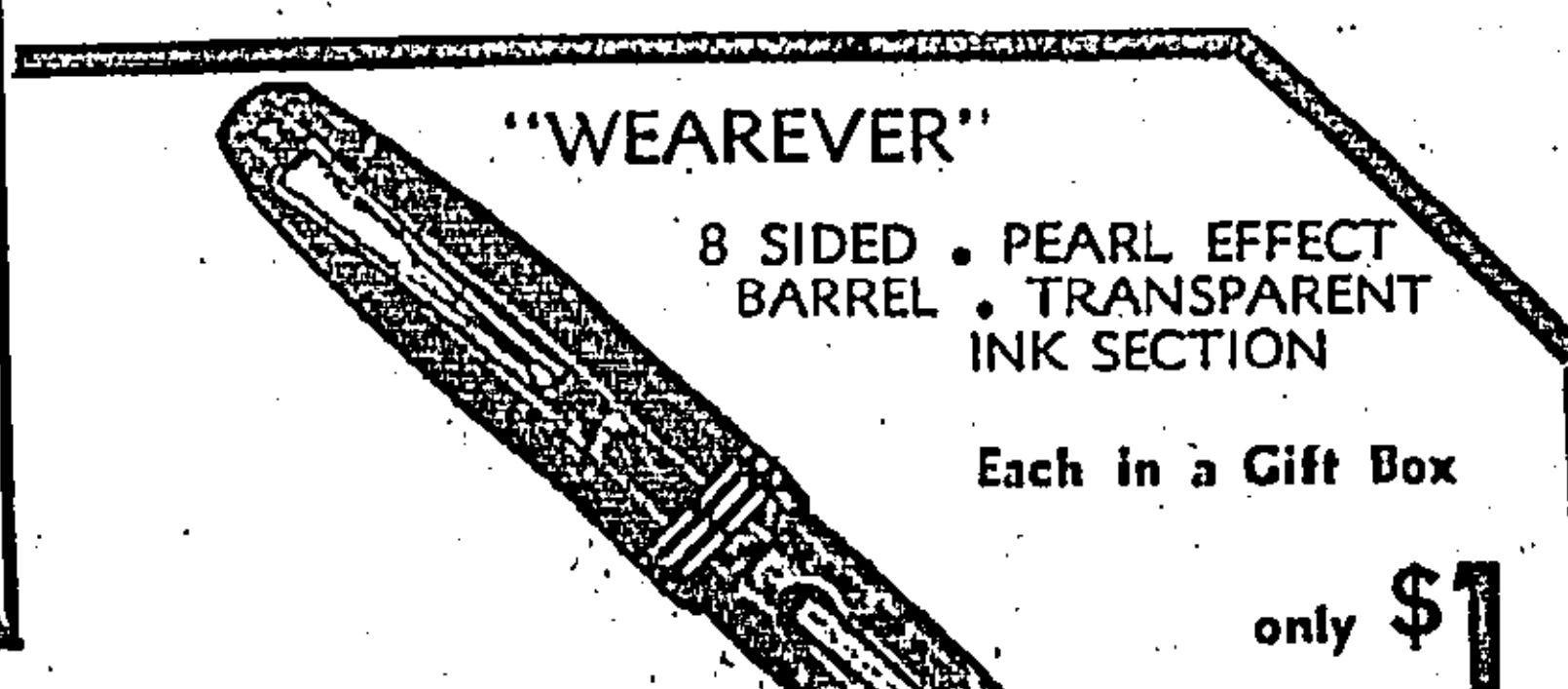
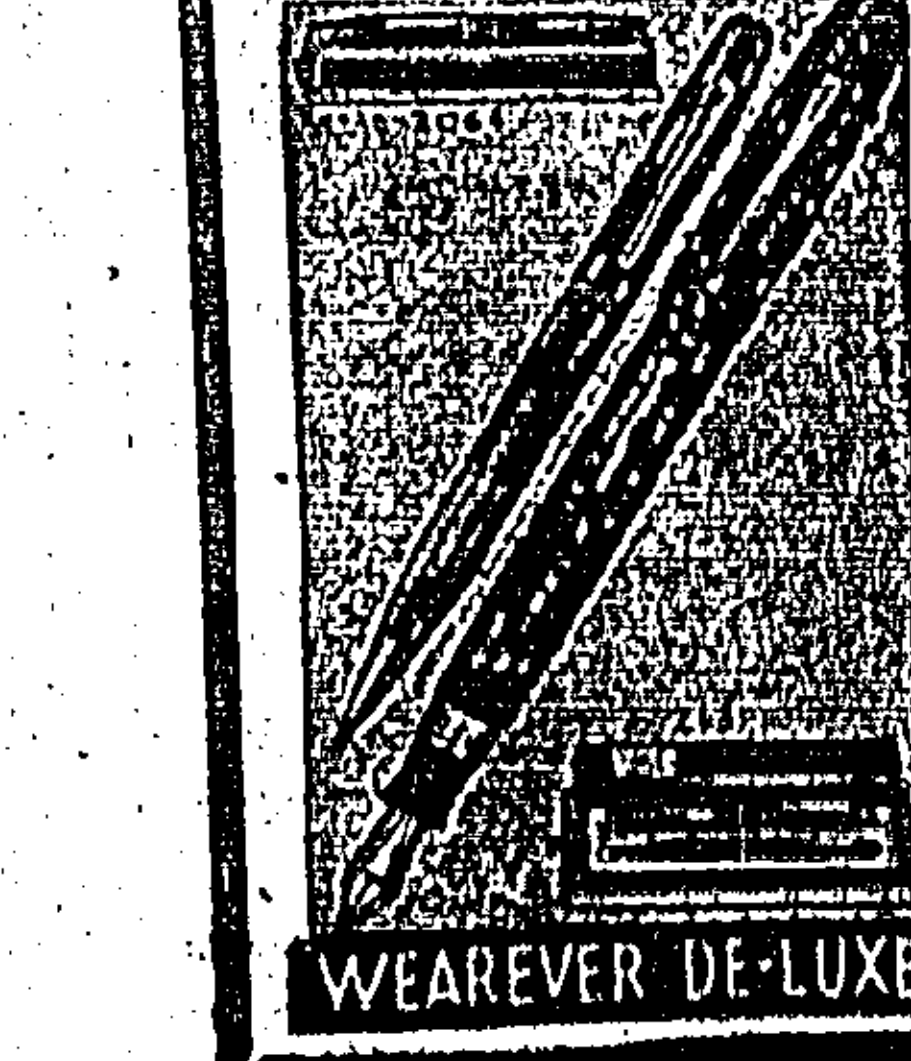


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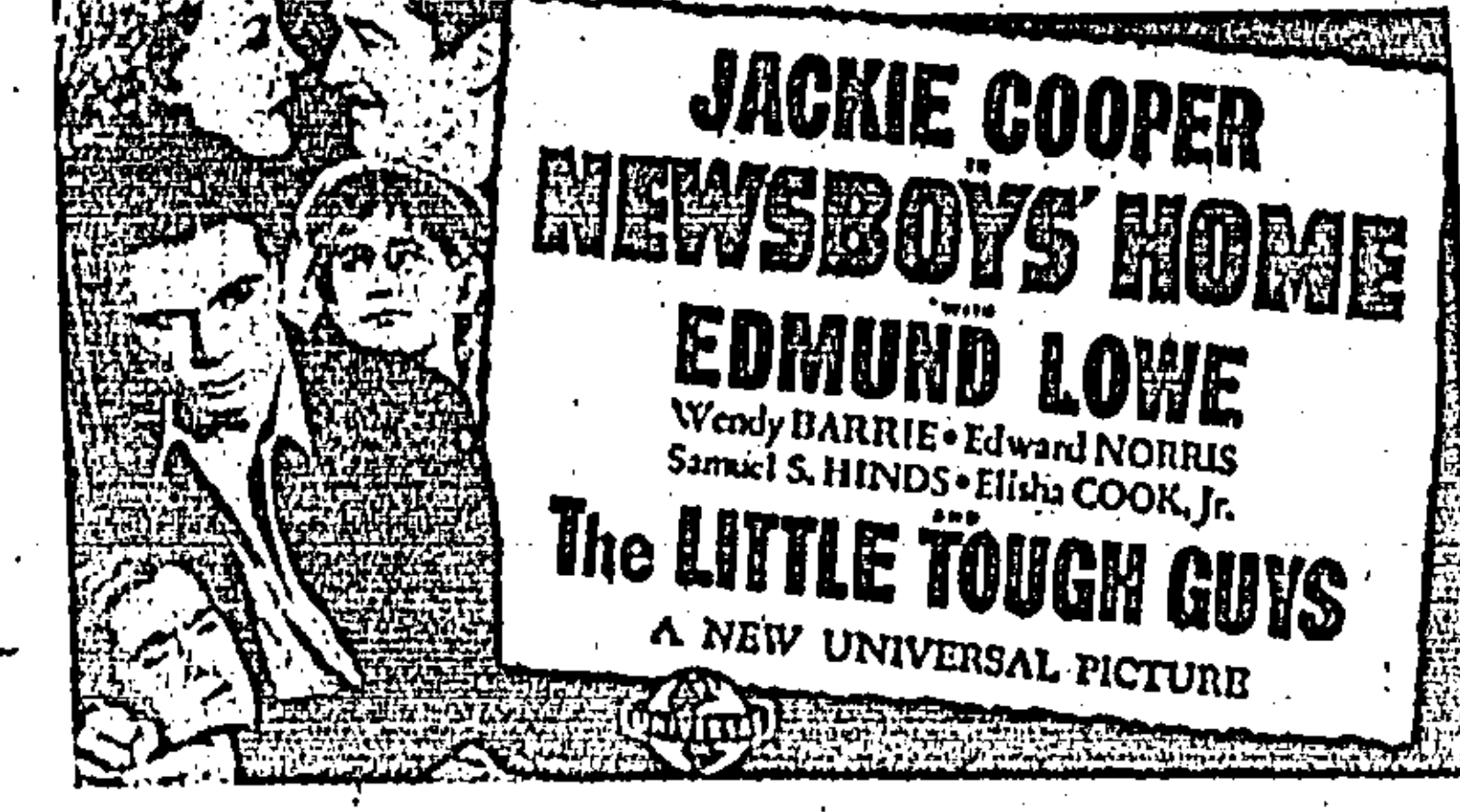
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MOSCOW ATTACK ON ITALIANS

MOSCOW, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The Moscow newspapers make bitter attacks on Finland, Italy and the Allies.

The "Trud," organ of Russian trade unions, declares the "heroes" of Caporetto and warns Italy against joining the Allies or breaking the alliance with Germany, reminding Italy of the ungenerous treatment she received at Versailles.

"Pravda" warns the Italian volunteers reported to be in Finland that the lessons of Caporetto and Guadalajara will be repeated in Finland.

ANTI-COMINTERN PACT REPORT

ROME, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—Although no official denial is obtainable, authoritative circles here deny the Japanese newspaper report that Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, has suggested to Japan a fresh anti-Comintern Pact.

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